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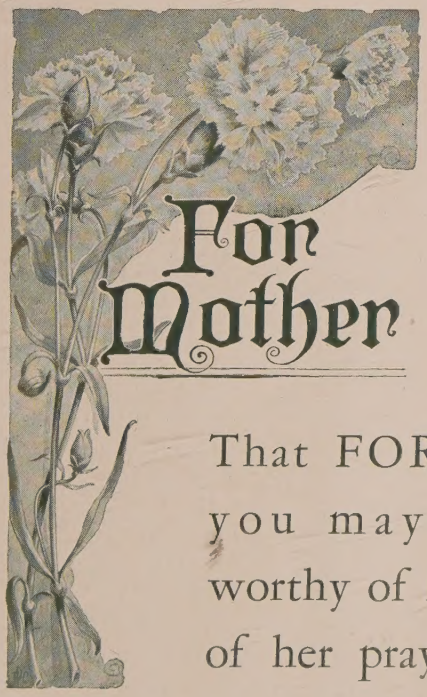

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Luther League Review

W. E. Salzmann, formerly President of the Columbia District—Luther League pioneer in the great Northwest. Mr. Salzmann has been compelled to relinquish his duties by ill health. The Luther League will sing his hymn and remember the author in prayer.

A CONVENTION HYMN

"Trusting in Thee, in Thee Alone."
Tune "St. Catherine."

Teach me, O Lord, Thy word, Thy truth!
Teach me Thy love, so pure and free!
Teach me the way, in early youth,
To guide my steps and follow Thee.
Trusting in Thee, in Thee alone,
Lord, may my earthly life be run.

Help me some erring soul to win;
To find the lost, who in despair,
Have strayed from Thee in paths of sin,
And need Thy tender, loving care.
Trusting in Thee, in Thee alone,
Lord, may my earthly life be run.

Show me the needs in distant lands;
Where countless live in darkest night;
Where idols reign, false temples stand;
They need Thee, Lord, to help aright.
Trusting in Thee, in Thee alone,
Lord, may my earthly life be run.

Help me to do all I can here
To serve Thee all my living days.
And may I know Thee always near,
In all my tasks, in all my ways.
Trusting in Thee, in Thee alone,
Lord, may my earthly life be run.

—*W. E. Salzmann,*

Written for the Columbia District (Washington-Oregon).

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(To March 27th)

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TEXAS—Total 1.

Total Memberships—158.

So far $1254 has come in through the Sustaining Membership Fund. This means $8746 to go if we are to make our $10,000 goal. The plain facts are that this goal must be reached or the Luther League of America must omit part of its program for the year. The Executive Committee cut the budget down to the very limit and the organization is being run as economically as the Secretaries know how. So it is up to you!

We believe there is not a single League without some older friends in the Congregation who would become Sustaining Members *if asked!* We believe that every League could make their Pastor, or their Pastor's wife or one of their officers a Sustaining Member, *if they wanted to!* Do not leave it to *some one else. You start something!*

If there are mistakes or omissions in this month's Roll, kindly notify the General Secretary.

Watch for the ANNOUNCEMENT
Next Month
A LIFE SERVICE SHIELD
Designed and promoted by the Board of Education

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

"I HAD A FRIEND!"

"What is the Secret of your life?" asked Elizabeth Barrett Browning of Charles Kingsley. "Tell me that I may make mine beautiful, too!" "I had a friend," was the reply.

His Only Possession, Friends—But How Rich

When the Civil War broke out and the qualifications of the different candidates for the Presidency were being discussed and Lincoln was mentioned, some one said, "Lincoln has nothing, only plenty of friends." Lincoln was poor and when he was elected to the legislature of his State he borrowed money to buy a suit of clothes, in order that he might make a respectable appearance and then he walked one hundred miles to take his seat. He also borrowed money to move his family to Washington after he was elected President, but what man was richer in his friendships? These friends were his silent partners—everyone interested in the things of the other, everyone trying to help the other succeed in life, to stand for the best thing in him, trying to help the other do what he was endeavoring to do and rejoicing in every good thing that came to him.

Roosevelt could never have accomplished anything equal to what he was but for the powerful, persistent, enthusiastic assistance of his friends. The loyalty of his friends no doubt placed him in the President's chair. Hundreds of his Harvard College classmates were out working for him both while he was a candidate for Governor of New York and for President of the United States. The great friendship of his regiment of "Rough Riders" came back to him in thousands of votes from the South and West in the Presidential election.

This speaks volumes of the benefit of friends always looking out for our interests, saying a good word for us at every opportunity, supporting us, shielding us in our weak spots, stopping slanders, killing injurious lies, correcting false impressions and trying to set us right. Many great captains of industry would never have been what they were had it not been for their friends. How many persons in every walk of life would have given up the struggle but for the encouragement of some friend or friends which tided them over the crisis?

Emerson says, "Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend. With him we are easily great. There is a sublime attraction in him to whatever virtue there is in us. How he flings wide open the door of existence! What questions we ask of him! What an understanding we have! How few words are needed! It is the only real society! A real friend doubles my possibilities and adds his strength to mine and makes a well-nigh irresistible force possible for me."

Dr. Orison Swett Marden once wrote "The faith of friends is a perpetual stimulus. How it nerves and encourages us to do our best, when we feel the scores of friends really believe in us when others misunderstand and denounce us! Many a man has told me that there were periods in his life when he would have failed but for the thought that his friends had implicit faith in him and believed that he would finally triumph."

"I know a man who stood by a friend who had become such a slave to drink and all sorts of vice that even his family had turned him out of doors. When his father, mother and wife and children had forsaken him, this friend remained loyal. He would follow him nights in his debauches and many a time saved him from freezing to death when he was so inebriated that he could not stand. Scores of times this friend would leave his home and hunt in the slums for him, to keep him from the hands of a policeman and to shield him from the cold when every one else had forsaken him; and this great love and devotion finally redeemed the fallen man and sent him back to decency and to his home."

"Not half a dozen people outside his immediate family attended the funeral of a very rich man who died recently in New York. But a few weeks after a large church was filled to the doors and the streets were rendered impassable by the crowds assembled to pay the last respects to a man who died without leaving a thousand dollars behind him." The latter man loved his friends as a miser loves his gold. Everybody who knew him seemed to be his friend. He took infinitely more pride in thinking that he was rich in friendships than he possibly could have taken in a fortune. He would divide his last dollar with anyone who needed it. He did not try to sell his services as dearly as possible. He gave himself to his friends —gave himself without reserve, royally, generously, magnanimously! There was no

stinting of effort or service in this man's life, nothing that ever suggested selfishness or greed. Is it any wonder that thousands of people should regard death as a great personal loss?

Lincoln was rich because he gave himself to his people. He did not try to sell his ability to the highest bidder. Great fees had no attraction for him. Lincoln lives in history because he lived for his friends, gave himself to his country as a farmer gives his seed to the earth and what a harvest from that sowing! It is only he who *loses* his life, who *gives* it royally in kindly, helpful service to others, that *finds* it. If human friends are so valuable of what value must He, the Best Friend we have, then be? and "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

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SUMMER SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

The programs for our Church Workers' Summer Schools are now being made up. What part will the League have on them? It may be well for State and District Life Service Secretaries to refer to the January and February issues of the REVIEW for some suggestions there given as to what might compose our part of the program. Look also at page 31 of the April issue of the REVIEW.

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THE NECESSARY OUTLET

The electrician had stopped at the street corner to renew carbons in the arc lamp. A small boy had stopped to watch him. As the day was bright and sunny the boy was astonished to see that the man had on rubber boots. "What do you wear those boots for?" he asked. "Do you think it's going to rain?"

The workman laughed good-naturedly. "No, sonny, I wear them so as to be safe from electric shocks when I handle these lamps. Electricity can't go through rubber very well, and one of the funny things about electricity is that it can't get into a person unless it can get out again."

Is not that true of other things in life also? Take love. It can't get into a human heart unless it can get out again. It must either find an outlet in service or die. Yet many persons forget that truth. Young married people sometimes let themselves become indifferent to each other's needs and problems. Each feels that the burden of domestic care rests wholly on his or her shoulders. Instead of helping each other they grow cold and critical. Little by little the beautiful flower of love that at first filled the home with fragrance droops and dies. Love cannot live without service.

Forgiveness too can never get into a man unless it can get out again. Have you ever tried to ask God's forgiveness while you were secretly angry with some one who had done you either a real or a fancied wrong? The very doors of heaven seem locked against you. You cannot really pray, for, like love, forgiveness cannot bloom in the sterile soil of a selfish soul.

Whoever seeks the secret of human happiness will find it in these simple words, "Look well to the outlets of life." The clearest stream in the world will quickly become a stagnant pool if its waters find no escape. Clog the channels of usefulness with the rubbish of selfishness, harshness or indolence, and the streams of affection will soon become a foul and stagnant morass that reflects no loveliness and enriches no barren places.—*Youth's Companion.*

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PRAYER

Moses prayed and the Red Sea made a way for Israel to go forward.

Joshua prayed and Jordan divided its waters.

Elisha prayed and restored the dead to life, and the mountains were full of chariots and horsemen.

Hezekiah prayed and the Lord destroyed 185,000 of his foes in a single night.

Daniel prayed and the lions' mouths were stopped.

Paul and Silas prayed and the prison was broken up.

Luther prayed and Melanchthon was restored to life.

Thomas Prince prayed and a hurricane destroyed the British fleet.

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UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES

The late Dr. Griffith Thomas was fond of telling the following incident. Two men met on the street, and one asked the other how he was getting along. "Oh, I am getting along pretty well," was the reply, "as well as I can under the circumstances." "Under the circumstances?" asked his friend, "Under the circumstances? Why, a Christian has no right to be under any circumstances. We Christians are seated in the heavenlies, our lives hid with Christ in God! We are not *under* the circumstances, we are *on top* of them, far above." The pessimistic Christian belies his faith and denies his Lord, who has assured us, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul was a "peptimistic" Christian.—*Lutheran Standard.*

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"Why to be Luther—that's a life to lead,
He comes, reclaims God's earth for God;
Sets up God's rule again by simple means,
Reopens a shut Book, and all is done."

—*Robert Browning.*

Jesus forever dignified motherhood. From a fund of love and experience mother has become wise. Son, daughter, give heed to her counsel!

TOYING WITH INVISIBLE DYNAMITE

The month of brides and roses is soon to appear on the horizon. How many young men and women are going to choose companions for life without considering their spiritual qualifications or considering whether or not the new home will fulfill a real and worthy mission in life? If they do not give this consideration they are toying with an invisible dynamite that may blast their happiness for time and eternity.

"Unfortunately, the standards by which young people chose their helpmates are not always the highest. When the young lady members of a California organization recently gave their description of the ideal husband, they pictured this ideal husband first of all as one who must be all-round sport, able to dance, drive a car, and take an active part in athletics. And I fear that there is no small number of such young women who, instead of asking in regard to their future companion such questions as—

Is he a Christian?
Is he pure in body and mind?
Is he seen in bad company?
Is he industrious?
Is he thrifty?
Does he treat his mother and sisters with respect?
Is he cheerful and generous and kind?

ask these questions:

Can he do the Charleston?
Will he take me to the movies three times a week?
Is he up to the minute in his acquaintance with jazz?
Does he keep abreast of the demands of fashion in his clothing?
Is he popular at parties and dances?

and similar questions, which are about as useful and helpful to married happiness as a cream-colored celluloid uniform would be to a fire chief."

"And on the other hand, the jazz spirit of a jazz age (although we must not believe that the present day is the most disgraceful and degenerate period that the world has seen) is distorting the opinion of many young men in regard to ideal womanhood. The questions which a young man ought to ask in regard to any young woman in whom he may become interested are—

Is she an earnest Christian?
Is she a good housekeeper?
Does she keep her own room in order?
Can she bake good bread and prepare tasty, but inexpensive meals?
Can she do plain sewing?
Is she neat in her dress, womanly in her whole conduct, and modest in her words and actions?

"But instead of these questions pathetic standards are sometimes set up, and misguided and deluded young men are attracted by forward, alluring young women who wear clothing of questionable modesty, and disguise their appearance by exaggerated facial operations which are at once conspicuous and so vulgarly distasteful that they immediately condemn themselves. Such young men often come to their better senses only when it is too late, and when they find themselves in untidy homes where canned goods and delicatessen-store products form poorly balanced meals, where quick tempered, irritable and self-centered dispositions are only too evident."

"But while thousands of careers have been broken through evil companions and sinful associations, thank God, uncounted millions of lives have also been made happier through the constructive help of true friendship. And so let us ask ourselves, not only, as we have: 'Will my friends help me?' but let us also inquire: 'Am I helping my friends?' In my relations with them, am I living up to that standard which God imposes upon those who bear the name of His Crucified Son? Am I, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, concerned about the welfare of their bodies, and especially of their souls? Am I setting the right example for them by my deeds and actions? Are my words and my utterances showing them, if they do not know this, the way to the greatest happiness on earth? It is a terrible and appaling disaster if we are misled by friends and enticed by those who claim to be our companions, and yet it is unspeakably more disastrous and more appaling if we, sinning against our better knowledge and against the grace that has been planted in our hearts, lead our friends astray or become untrue to the trust of friendship which they have placed in us."

(The quotations from Dr. Marden were taken from an editorial which he wrote in the July, 1907, issue, *The Success*. We have also quoted from the article "Make Friends—And Your Friends Will Make You," in the March issue *Walther League Messenger*.)

Missionary Department

"Come" and "Go"

MISS CATHERINE COX

Young folks are doing the work of the League these days with the zest of youth. Miss Cox is Virginia's Missionary Leader.

We are happy to present the photographs of three missionary secretaries. These photographs are presented, not because they are three of our best looking missionary secretaries, though no one will question their good looks; but because they represent three state Luther Leagues that deserve distinction in connection with our Andhra Christian College project. The contributions for this cause from all state Luther Leagues has been so splendid that we should like to have one grand photograph of all who have helped to make the Luther League's part of Andhra Christian College an assured success. Our camera is not large enough to include all of the thirty-three thousand who have contributed. (We believe that every Luther Leaguer in America has contributed or will contribute to Andhra Christian College.) No camera can reach north, south east and west; but our Luther League camera has included Virginia, California and Illinois, and we give the photographs of the missionary secretaries of these three state Luther Leagues.

Virginia was the first state to get the vision of the Luther League's part in Andhra Christian College. Virginia was the first to make a pledge and to recommend to the Luther League of America that Andhra Christian College be made the first great missionary objective of the Luther League of America. Miss Catharine Cox, Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of Virginia, is first to have her photograph presented. We congratulate Miss Cox on being privileged to lead the missionary activities of the young people of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

Following the action of Virginia, other state leagues, one by one, accepted the apportionment made by the central committee, and made their pledges for the amounts apportioned. Virginia made the first pledge but to California belongs the honor of being first to pay its quota in full. By the last of February all of California's pledge was paid. Our second photograph is that of Mr. Clarence L. Derr, Missionary Secretary of the Southern District of California. California is fortunate to have such a leader as Missionary Secretary and President.

MR. CLARENCE L. DERR

He led his organization to victory in the race for the honor of the first fully paid quota for Andhra.

Illinois was but hours behind Southern California in paying their quota. It was a race worth watching. We present the team responsible. With a President like Herschel Sowers and an Executive Secretary like "Min" Peterson what could you expect? Since each one thought the other's face should appear, the Missionary Secretary offers both for inspection!

Recognizing the fact that enthusiasm produces enthusiasm, the missionary secretary of the Maryland Luther League is arranging a luncheon for all of the missionary secretaries of her state. Her program includes not only a luncheon. It includes in addition a discussion group. After the missionary secretaries have learned to know each other around the luncheon table, they will be eager to discuss together their problems and their plans. Every missionary secretary should go away from the luncheon with at least one new plan acquired from every other missionary secretary. We are

confident that there will be even more than one idea given by each missionary secretary. Miss Olga Linsenmeyer, the wide awake missionary secretary of the Luther League of Maryland, will undoubtedly add many splendid ideas to those given by the other missionary secretaries. Miss Linsenmeyer has promised a report of this conference and luncheon for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. We hape that it can be given in the next issue. Other state missionary secretaries are no doubt planning similar conferences in response to the suggestion which has been made. Reports of all conferences should be sent to the missionary secretary of the Luther League of America.

MRS. MINNIE PETERSON
This smile is worth money. It just drew the Andhra gifts from Luther League pocketbooks in Illinois.

MR. HERSCHEL SOWERS
He must be standing in the "windy city." But there was nothing "windy" about the Illinois pledge to Andhra. Herschel pushed and "Min" pulled and their state went over strong.

One missionary secretary has asked that a suggestion be made for a contest of some kind in her Luther League. "We don't want a Red and Blue contest. Everybody has them. We want a contest that will be just as exciting as our high school contests are. We want something different." There are probably many other leagues that want "something different;" so we shall give all missionary secretaries the chance to try the plan suggested.

A MISSIONARY STORY CONTEST

Think of the excitement that prevails at the time of the High School Declaimers' Contest. The auditorium is always crowded. The parents come, the relatives come and the friends come. For days before there is great excitement. Why not use this idea for a Luther League Missionary Story Contest? Have it managed on almost the same principle as the High School Contest. At our request a special packet of good stories has been prepared by our Literature Headquarters, Women's Missionary Society, Room 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, price 25 cents. Order The Luther League Story Contest Packet and send price in stamps. Add to these missionary stories any other good ones that you may have. Allow every member of the Luther League to contest. If a man fifty years old has a young enough spirit to be a member of the Luther League and wants to enter the contest it will be fine. The contestants should have the privilege of selecting their own missionary stories, all stories to be approved by the committee. The stories should of course, be memorized. No story should be read. There should be a committee to make the selection of the prize winner. A Luther League badge is suggested if a prize is given. If there is no prize, the chairman of the committee should announce the contestant who deserves the highest honor.

One missionary secretary of a state Luther League has suggested that such a contest might be carried to the state convention, the winners from the local leagues being given the opportunity to continue the contest at the state convention.

All public programs should be arranged only after a conference with the pastor.

THE PRIZE STORY CONTEST is arousing much interest. Many of our Luther

Leaguers are hard at work. One Luther Leaguer who is beyond the high school and even beyond the college age wants to know whether a man over fifty may compete in this contest. Certainly he may if he is a member of a Luther League. Age against youth is a fair contest. Don't fail to have your story in the hands of your missionary secretary by the last of July.

A World Organization

Dr. Drach forwards to us a letter from St. Paul's L. L. Rajahmundry, India. It requests him to use his influence before the All India Lutheran Conference that the League may be organized in all parts of the Indian Lutheran Church and a General League of India formed "affiliated with the mother League at home." The writer calls attention to the fact that when the League was organized by Rev. Wackernagel, there were no special Bible Classes nor a Theological Seminary and "the Luther League was found to be a very fitting institution for training the youths for work in the Master's vineyard."

Let us pray this month for the Luther Leaguers of India!

That's a HELP!

ROOSEVELT'S CREED

Virtue by itself is not enough or anything like enough. Strength must be added to it, and the determination to use that strength. The good man who is ineffective is not able to make his goodness of much account to the people as a whole. No matter how much a man hears the Word, small is the credit attached to him if he fails to be a doer also; and in serving the Lord he must remember that he needs to avoid sloth in his business as well as cultivate fervency of spirit.—*Theodore Roosevelt.*

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"Ma, was Robinson Crusoe an acrobat?"

"I don't know. Why?"

"Well, here it reads that after he had finished his day's work, he sat down on his chest."

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NOT SAFE

Bride (to salesman): "Please, sir, I'd like a little oven."

Salesman: "Er—pardon me. Not while your husband's along."

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"He liveth long who liveth well,
All else is being flung away;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of true things truly done each day."

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Visitor—"That's a fine portrait. Is it an old master?"

Butler—"No, that's the old missis."—*Octopus.*

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When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.—*The Business Builder.*

THE FLAVOR LINGERED

"I once loved a girl that made a fool out of me."

"What a lasting impression some girls make!"—*The Simpsonian.*

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WILLING SPIRIT—WEAK FLESH

Mother—"Jimmie, what would you like to give your cousin Tim for his birthday?"

Jimmie—"I know, but I'm not big enough!"—*London Answers.*

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Business prophets tell what is going to happen; business profits tell what has happened.—*Muncie Evening Press.*

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Men respect you for the things you stand for, and despise you for the things you fall for.—*Baltimore Sun.*

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A LEAGUER'S STATUS IN PER CENT

100%—I am a Leader
90%—I will be a Leader
80%—I can be a Leader
70%—I think I can be a Leader
60%—I might be a Leader
50%—I think I might be a Leader
40%—What is it to be a Leader?
30%—I wish I could be a Leader
20%—I don't know how to be a Leader
10%—I can't be a Leader.
0%—I won't be a Leader.

—*Bethlehem League Echoes.*

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What the people living on the slopes of Vesuvius cannot understand is why human beings persist in living on the hurricane-swept coast of the Gulf of Mexico.—*Rochester Post-Express.*

Methods

HOW TO "SERVE" THE TOPICS

In travelling about doing League work we are often entertained by some of our good friends in the country sections, who "take us along home with them" for dinner after church. And what dinners they are! Chicken dinners, sauerkraut dinners, all sorts of culinary triumphs have been set before us. The table is loaded down with good things, we arise from the table entirely satisfied—more than satisfied often, for perchance we have eaten twice our usual portion out of sheer politeness to our host and hostess, otherwise we would be lacking in due appreciation of the food!

While we appreciated the kind hospitality of our entertainers and relished the meal, we do not care to eat always in that fashion. Everything was placed on the table before the meal, even to the dessert; there was one main item of food, the dish in the centre of the table was full to overflowing, and our plate was piled high in the beginning of the meal, and we were constantly urged to have another helping. We left the table more than satisfied, yet, as before stated, we do not entirely relish such meals. Why? Because expectancy adds a relish to a meal, and after we once sat down we knew exactly what would be served, and we knew that there was one main food—even though it was chicken—and around that the whole meal revolved.

When we are in a large city and go down to dinner in one of the big hotels we are served a varied menu. The meal is served in courses, and from soup and relishes, through the salad, entree, vegetables, down to the dessert and coffee, there is always something to look forward to. The portions served may sometimes be small, but by the time the meal is over we have most likely eaten as much as when visiting our rural friends. We rise from the table, having enjoyed the meal, with our appetite whetted to come again.

What is the difference between the two meals? It is in the serving.

It is just the same in our Luther League meetings. In our devotional meetings we may take the Topic, have it announced by title so that everyone will know just what they will hear when they come to League, and in the meeting we may with just an opening hymn or prayer go immediately to the Topic Study and spend the whole evening in its consideration and discussion. We may do this week after week. The Leaguers will come knowing just about what they will hear, and go home feeling they have heard everything that is to be heard on the subject, and not caring particularly whether they come again or not. Mental nausea and indigestion is the result.

Or we may put the note of expectancy into the meeting—varying the whole program from week to week. We may have a little music, a special reading now and then. A novel idea introduced here, some new plan tried there, just a little bit of any one single plan, and that tried not too often—and our Leaguers will look forward to the study of the Topic. They know that through the whole evening there will be successive small portions of good things, and they will leave the meeting, feeling that they have not heard everything there is to be said on the Topic, and with some ideas of their own awakened in their mind on the subject. They will also want to come again, because they know there is something left for the next meeting and that they will miss something if they are not there.

Which do you serve in your Luther League—chicken dinners or full course meals?

Here are some suggestions for your bill of fare:

Do not advertise your meeting by merely naming the Topic. The whole story is then told. Arouse curiosity by making the Leaguers guess what the meeting is "all about."

"What Happened in 1425?" is so much more interesting than "The topic for discussion in Luther League next Sunday evening is the 400th anniversary of the Lutheran parsonage!"

A row of question marks across the top of a card and the caption—"Aren't you curious to know what our next League meeting will be about?" can be used any time.

"Who Owns My Money?" is much better than "Topic on Stewardship at League Next Sunday."

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SING ON!

When you feel mistreated, think of the teakettle. It is always up to its neck in hot water. Still it sings.

The Social Meeting

HINTS FOR THE SOCIAL MEETING

Bubble Races.—Each player is provided with a fan, preferably the one stick kind, which will not open or shut. At a given signal, each player starts to blow a soap bubble, and then shaking it to the floor, fans it toward the winning line. If it bursts before the bubble has crossed the line, he may go back and start again. To make the game more difficult, the bubble may be required to pass between two upright posts instead of merely crossing the line, or it may be played like football, with goals at each end. In this case, some one halfway between must blow a bubble while the players fan it in opposite directions. The bubbles may be made tough by adding glycerine to the suds. Adapted.

Curtain Ball.—A sheet is hung up so that the top is about two feet higher than the heads of the players. A basket-ball is tossed back and forth over the curtain, the object being to keep the ball from touching the floor. Every time the ball touches the floor it scores a point for the other side.

Musical Hearts.—All form in a circle, and to each one is given a large cardboard heart, which must be placed on the floor just in front of the player. Then the piano is played as for "Musical Chairs," only when the music stops, each player tries to get a heart, and as one heart is taken out each time, there is, of course, one player left without a heart, who must then drop out of the game. The side having the most players left in the game at the blowing of the whistle wins.

Orthographic Hop.—The contestants are formed in two parallel lines facing a blackboard. There is a chalk-mark on the floor in front of each line, and at a given signal, the two at the head of the lines hop on one foot to the blackboard, and write the first letter of the word "Washington," then hop back to their respective lines, hand the piece of chalk to the next player, who hops up and writes the second letter, and so on. The side finishing the whole word first wins.

Potato Race.—Each of the two groups playing is divided, one-half of each group standing at opposite sides of the room. To the captain of each group is given a teaspoon with a small potato on it, and at the given signal he must carry the potato across the room to the first man on his team who is standing opposite him, and hand it to him. The one receiving it then carries it back to the next on the opposite side of the room, and so on, till it goes back and forth to each player. If the potato is dropped, it must be scooped up with the teaspoon, it must not be touched with the hands. The first team to complete the transfer beats.

Hares and Hounds.—Put your guests on trolley-cars until they are beyond the city limits. Then let one-third of the party become "hares." They run ahead, laying a trail of paper, and fifteen minutes later the "hounds" start after them. The rendezvous should be a house about three miles from the starting place, where all may enjoy a picnic supper.

This Is My Nose.—Any number of players seated in a circle may play. Five parts of the face are recognized in this game—ear, eye, nose, mouth and chin. The player who is "it" stands before some one, and pointing at one of the five parts of his own face, names another part. Before he counts ten, the person before whom he is standing must point to one of the other three parts of his own face, naming still another. Thus the one who is "it" may point to his ear and say, "This is my nose," and the other person may point to his eye, and respond "This is my mouth." If the player names the same part of the face that he points to, or names or points to either part that the person who is "it" has named or pointed to, or if he does not respond correctly before ten is counted, he must surrender his chair to the other person and he becomes "it."

Passing the Grin.—A good game for a very few minutes, to "break the ice." All except the person who receives the grin. the players must remain absolutely sober. One person starts by grinning broadly and then drawing his hand across his face, gathers off the grin and throws it at some one else, becoming sober himself. The person receiving the grin then grins from ear to ear and in turn passes it on to some one else. It is a rule of the game that no one may laugh or giggle.

Tail Tag.—All players are arranged in columns, four in each column, the one in front with arms stretched out, while the others have their hands on the shoulders of the man in front of them. At a signal, the last man in each group steps out to the front and faces his column. He is "it" and it is his business to catch the tail, the last one of the column. The column, however, does everything possible to prevent his tagging the tail. The one in front with his arms

stretched out widely leads the defense, and the rest of the team just hangs on blindly. The leader must keep his arms stiff while "it" tries every possible means of dodging around those arms in his efforts to tag the tail. If he succeeds the tail becomes "it," while the former "it" goes to the head of the line, and the chase to tag the new tail is on. In their frantic protection of their tail, some one of a column always falls down. Tell them before hand that that offense is forgivable only if they'll jump up at once, whether they can or not!

Kiddy Kar Race.—For the race course about thirty feet in length choose as smooth a plot as possible. The tallest ones present are chosen as drivers. The kiddy cars are lined up at the starting point, with drivers No. 1 sitting on the cars, all set to go. At the whistle they are off, the cars propelled in the usual fashion. They travel the full length of the course, and return, immediately turning their cars over to the next member of the team, Driver No. 2, who starts without any waiting for any signal to run the same course, and the one who is first to return to the starting place wins the race for his team.

Niagara Falls.—Two in each team, one of them provided with a glass of water, the glass full to the rim and balanced on his head. At a signal from the leader, No. 1 of each team with the water on his head walks as rapidly as he dares to the goal, about fifteen feet away, and returns to give the glass to No. 2 of his team, who does the same thing, trying of course to be the first one to return to the starting point. No one is allowed to spill more than half of the water without starting over again with a fresh supply.

General Secretary's Letter

FRIENDLY LETTER NUMBER FIVE

(To be Read at the May Senior Business Meeting)

DEAR FAMILY:—

One of the biggest tasks I have yet discovered in my new position, is the shrinking of my material to fit the size of the REVIEW. It is easy to say, enlarge it, but not so easy to pay the bills. If everybody would hustle out to bring in subscriptions, I could enlarge the REVIEW so that more illustrations could be used and other interesting features introduced. For one thing I should like to run a Question Box. If any one sends in a question I will start it next month.

Are my wanderings interesting to you? I will just run over my dates since last I wrote you. Attended Fifth Anniversary Banquet of St. Simeon's League, Philadelphia. Pastor Lauer has a fine group of young folks who know how to run a Banquet. Spoke at Luther League Vespers at St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, at Epiphany, Camden, before young folks representing several Leagues, attended the Berks County District at Birdsboro, Pa., where Father A. P. Body is the "grand young man." Addressed the students of Lankenau School, which by the way is one of the finest girls' schools in the country. With Secretary Wolf held conferences with the Seminary students at Gettysburg and Susquehanna, and while at Gettysburg spoke at College Chapel and "Y." Made a long-to-be-remembered trip to Christ Church, Baltimore, where our former Missionary Secretary, Rev. Mr. Blackwelder has organized one of the largest Leagues in our L. L. of A. Spoke both at League and to a congregation of about thirteen hundred at Vespers. Addressed a Confirmation Class Reunion at Vespers, Palm Sunday, and in addition preached several times for pastors who were entertaining La Grippe or otherwise engaged. The general reaction to all these contacts with young folks, organized for service, may be summed up in C. C. D.'s famous battle cry, "It's great to be a Luther Leaguer."

We have two new pamphlets and another coming out "How to Organize," has been revised and the new constitution for local Leagues is, we think, an improvement on the last. Newly organizing Leagues would better see this before adopting constitution. If your present constitution is satisfactory, do not change. The main improvement is the substitution of Secretaries for Committee Chairman. An Educational Secretary, for instance, uses the Executive Committee in the place of a special Educational Committee. Authority is centralized in the Executive Committee by this method.

"Queries of an Educational Secretary" is a little catechism on the duties of the office. "Our Past," just going to press, is a short history of the Luther League Movement. Harry Hodges, who knows more about our history than any one else and has had more to do with our future than any one else, is the writer. Orders may be placed now.

We are moved to our new offices, 806 Muhlenberg Building, at last. There should

be an improvement in our work since we have space enough to move around. We also have rooms where each Secretary can shut the door and do some quiet thinking. Neither Mr. Hodges nor Miss Mehlhouse were very large. But Mr. Wolf and myself both with large understandings and middling big frames tried to work in the same office with them, well it was a case of bent fenders and rubbed varnish.

Our State and Synodical Treasurers are falling in line splendidly with our proposal that they send on dues to the National Treasury as soon as received, or at least monthly. Even though checks are small this method of paying keeps our bank balance equal to our monthly debts. The following States have paid their dues in full: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Texas, Nova Scotia, Maryland, So. California. Thank you!

Andhra Appeal is still running strong. The following Leagues have over paid their quotas: So. California, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota. Keep up the good work! The whole Church is watching us.

On page 4 you will find an important announcement. Next month will give the details of the Service Shield that we are going to offer the Leagues. The names of all from the Church who enter full time service are to be inscribed. It can be had either in card or bronze. More about this will be given next month.

What are you doing to make the younger members welcome? If you have Confirmation Classes coming directly into the Senior League why not plan an Intermediate to care for them for a few years? It is the business of the Senior League to foster Junior and Intermediate work.

Soon it will be Convention Season. All the Secretaries will be busy. I shall hope to meet many of my invisible audience, as the announcers say, at your State or Synodical Convention.

Do not forget that the whole program of the L. L. of A. depends on you young folks of the Locals. Meet every League responsibility as a direct call of God to service.

Faithfully yours,

Amos John Traver

General Secretary.

P.S.—Have you started out to make those older friends of your League, Sustaining Members? We need that help. They will be glad to show their interest in their youth. How about voting S. M.'s for your Pastor and others out of your Treasury?

Educational Department

WHICH KIND ARE YOU?

There are three kinds of readers as well as three kinds of hearers. They are described by Lyman Abbott as follows:

"The first read, but heed nothing;
The second heed, but resolve nothing;
The third resolve, but persist not.
The first receive a hindrance at the outset;
The second after the seed has germinated;
The third after it is well grown.
In the first case the seed does not spring at all;
In the second it springs, but dies before it grows up;
In the third it grows up, but does not ripen."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

May 1—Departure from Galilee.—St. Luke 9:51-62.
" 2—The Mission of the Seventy.—St. Luke 10:1-16.
" 3—The Mission of the Seventy.—St. Luke 10:17-23.
" 4—The Good Samaritan.—St. Luke, 10:25-37.
" 5—The Visit to Martha and Mary.—St. Luke 10:38-42.
May 6—The Healing of the Blind Man.—St. John 9:1-12.
" 7—The Healing of the Blind Man.—St. John 9:13-34.
" 8—The Healing of the Blind Man.—St. John 9:35-41.
" 9—The Good Shepherd.—St. John 10:1-6.
" 10—The Good Shepherd.—St. John 10:7-21.
" 11—The Feast of Dedication.—St. John 10:22-40.
" 12—Discourse on Prayer.—St. Luke 11:1-13.
" 13—Woes Against the Pharisees.—St. Luke 11:37-44.
" 14—Woes Against the Pharisees.—St. Luke 11:45-54.
" 15—Warnings Against the Pharisaic Spirit.—St. Luke 12:1-12.
" 16—Warnings Against the Pharisaic Spirit.—St. Luke 12:13-21.
" 17—Be not Anxious.—St. Luke 12:22-34.
" 18—Be Ye Also Ready.—St. Luke 12:35-40.
" 19—To Whom Much Is Given.—St. Luke 12:41-48.
" 20—Rather Division.—St. Luke 12:49-53.
" 21—Watching the Signs.—St. Luke 12:54-59.
" 22—The Galileans Slain by Pilate.—St. Luke 13:1-9.
" 23—The Woman Healed on the Sabbath.—St. Luke 13:10-21.
" 24—Are Few Saved?—St. Luke 13:22-30.
" 25—A Reply to a Warning.—St. Luke 13:31-35.
" 26—Discourse at Table.—St. Luke 14:1-11.
" 27—Discourse at Table.—St. Luke 14:12-24.
" 28—Counting the Cost.—St. Luke 14:25-35.
" 29—Parables of Grace.—St. Luke 15:1-10.
" 30—Parables of Grace.—St. Luke 15:11-32.
" 31—A Parable of Warning.—St. Luke 16:1-13.

The vine grows in sunny lands; the date in the dry air of the desert; the orange demands the tropics, but corn grows everywhere. So the Bible, though translated in tongues, is equally appreciated in the frozen Arctic as the sunburnt Tropic. It commands the loyalty of the Congo and the Amazon, the Yangtze-kiang and the Saint Lawrence, of the navigator plowing new seas, and the desert ranger traversing the Arabian peninsula.

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June 6, 1926

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"HOW WE MAY CREATE AND SPREAD HAPPINESS"

Matt. 5:1-12; Acts 8:4-8.

To Leaders: We present this lesson in project form as an experiment. The editor would be pleased to know how it worked in your meeting. The questions should be assigned to some of the members but a free discussion of the story should be encouraged. It is our intention to use this project method at least once each month if satisfactory.

THE CASE

Bill and Jim were room-mates in college and one evening before going to bed fell into an argument.

Bill said that the way to be happy was to get everything you wanted; that he was going to plan his life with the one idea, to be happy; that all this bunk about living for others wasn't going to fool him.

Jim said that he thought Bill was dead wrong; that he did not believe it right to live for happiness; that happiness wasn't anything you could get but was a state of mind; that when you forgot yourself and lived for others, you became happy. Then he sang:

"I want to be happy, but I won't be happy,
Till I make you happy, too."

Bill replied that Jim talked like a preacher; that religion was invented for easy marks like him; that it took the courage and ambition out of a fellow so that he would submit to all sorts of discomforts and injustices because religion taught it didn't make any difference what you had, so long as you were O.K. inside; that his religion was going to be to look out for number one.

Jim answered that his religion offered a whole lot more than a hypodermic injection to dull the sense of pain or injustice; that his religion offered him companionship with a strong and kindly Person by Whom he was made strong and ready to meet life; that his Lord was happy though "He had not where to lay His head;" that the happiest folks he knew today were not the folks who had the most, but who made the most out of what they had; that the greatest happiness one cound have would be to pass on to others the inner assurance of peace with God; that while Bill might live for this life only, he would live for eternity and expected to store up treasure of a kind that could be banked in Heaven.

THE CROSS-EXAMINATION

1. Was Jim right when he criticised Bill for making happiness his goal in life? Is it right to want to be happy?

2. Was Bill right when he held that getting the things you want gives happiness?

Read Matt. 5:1-12, using the word happy in place of blessed. How would Jesus answer this question?

3. Was Bill right when he claimed that religion destroyed ambition or Jim when he held that Christianity in the proffered companionship, with Jesus gave a greater, braver ambition?

4. How does Bill's plan work out in real life?

Lord Byron gave this testimony to the physician who attended him in his last illness: "Do you suppose that I wish for life? I have grown heartily sick of it, and shall welcome the hour I depart. Why should I regret it? Can it afford me any pleasure? Have I not enjoyed it to a surfeit? Few men can live faster than I did; I am literally speaking, an old young man. Pleasure I have known under every form in which it can present itself to mortals. I have traveled, satisfied my curiosity, lost every illusion; I have exhausted all the nectar contained in the cup of life; it is time to throw the dregs away."

5. What do you think of Jim's proposition "that the greatest happiness one could have would be to pass on to others the inner assurance of peace with God?"

Read Acts 8:4-8. How should we Luther Leaguers set about finding that kind of happiness and giving it to others?

6. Which folks are happiest? Bill's kind or Jim's? Misers or missionaries?

ILLUSTRATIONS

A Chinese came to the missionary asking that he be told the story that made his Christian neighbors' home so full of song and laughter. Is our Christianity of the joyous kind that will lead others to Christ?

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A missionary from a lonely western plain writes:

"He was a poor, skinny old horse, but he was so happy. He was drawing a heavy load, too, but even that was forgotten, for right in front of him, as he pulled his weary load along, there was a hay-wagon. From this he was getting a bit of unexpected refreshment along the way. And I must con-

fess to a great desire to be a human hay-wagon, and unknown to myself to feed those whose lives touch mine."

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June 13, 1926

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"HOW TO GET THINGS DONE"

Nehemiah 1:1-3; 3:5, 28-32; 4:6; 5:14-19; 6:15, 16.

To Leaders: This subject is developed here by Bible Readings. It would be better not to read the passages above as a single reading in the opening exercises, but use them as the outline requires. If any discussion is to be assigned use the questions connected with the outlined headings and ask various Leaguers to comment on them as they come up.

TO GET THINGS DONE

1. Decide what needs doing. Neh. 1:1-3.

Jerusalem's walls had been a disgrace and a laughing stock for seventy years. Dr. Hutton suggests that some committee had probably been discussing how to rebuild them and passing stirring resolutions about them for that length of time. Nehemiah was living in comfort at the Persian court when word came, through his brother, of the broken walls and the disorganized life of his people.

As soon as he knew, he acted. So it always is with the sincere man. There is nothing aimless about Nehemiah. He is no kin of the Chinese, cutting at a log of wood, who was asked what he was making. With a cheerful grin he answered "Me don't know, mabee bed, mabee god." There is the positiveness that produces results in the way Nehemiah started out to meet the need as soon as he understood them. Mission study produces missionaries.

2. Organize to meet the need. Neh. 3: 28-32.

Every man was assigned a place to work, usually on the wall nearest his home. When folks bind themselves together to meet a need something happens. In one of Ibsen's stories two men were planning a mountain climb. Their friends tried to dissuade them by recalling the awful precipice they must scale. "No precipice," said one, "is too steep for two." We are told that it takes but three mushrooms to raise a flag-stone and God only can measure the results of this group of Luther Leaguers really co-operating to meet a real need.

3. Inspire with the mind to work. Neh. 4:6.

This is the hardest task of the leader. It is so much easier to do it all yourself than to bother with others. Remember that one man's work produces a one man job. You may expect that some simply will not respond. Read Neh. 3:5. They are like the negro who was "converted" and prayed "Use me, Lord, use me in an entirely advisory capacity." Recall the story of the lad who hitched his dog to the lawn-mower. The minister was going by and the dog stopped to bark at him. "Don't mind the dog, pastor," called the boy, "he just thinks it is easier to bark at you than to draw the machine." And the pastor went on his way thinking of some of his members.

The good leader is like the workman who said "I don't choose my material. I am here to do the best I can with what I have." It took infinite patience on the part of Nehemiah but in some way he gave his men "the mind to work." Then the walls grew. Our League will serve in proportion as every one is willing to do the task assigned. It isn't ability that is usually lacking it is "a-willity." Even washing dishes after a social has to be done by some one.

4. Share the rigor of the task. Neh. 5: 14-19.

Nehemiah did not work by correspondence. He came and lived with his men and worked with them. Other governors lived on the people, he lived with them, others lorded over the people, he served with them. He was not at Jerusalem for what he could get out of it. No League officer, no leader in the Church will make good for long if he is there because of the honor, rather than for the opportunity of service.

6. Depend on God. Neh. 6:15, 16.

His task was the kind you can pray over. No Christian should be working at a job he can not ask God to bless. (Here offers a chance for argument.) When it came to results he gave God the credit. Do not forget to pray about the meeting of the needs of the world. Take your organization and its leaders to God in constant prayer for strength. Those who would tear down the walls are many and strong. God is our strength.

"How to get things done?" Nehemiah's way was No. 1, Decide what needs doing; 2, Organize to meet the need; 3, Inspire with the mind to work; 4 Share the rigor of the task; and 5, Depend on God.

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June 20, 1926

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"HOW MUCH OF A GOAL SHOULD MONEY BE?"

Matt. 6:19-24.

To Leaders: Here is another very practical subject. Every one has ideas about money.

Discussion: 1. What percentage of one's income should be given for Christian service? 2. Is it a sin to be a millionaire? 3. Is it a virtue to be poor? 4. What is the ideal amount of money one should have? 5. (Assign this question to three or four

members.) What would you do with $100,000? 6. Debate: Resolved that the invention of money was more of an evil than a good to mankind. 7. Is it Christian to give ten cents to a Church offering when we spend 25 cents or more each week for candy, sodas or movies? 8. Ought we Luther Leaguers to give at least as much to the Lord as we spend on luxuries?

What Is Money?

It represents the investment of life. If $5 per day is the wage, $5 represents a whole twenty-four hours of a man's life. If Christianity is interested in the investment of life, it must be interested in the investment of that which represents life.

Why Is Money?

Water running ineffectively between the banks, when backed into the reservoir, may be turned to running the machines in a great factory or lighting a great city. Money is the storage of life. Money makes life effective where needed.

Can Money Itself Be a Goal?

If money represents self, of course it can. Self is the commonest idol of them all. Millions have made it so only to discover that money enslaved may soon become master. Dickens puts into the mouth of Jacob Marley as he appears before Scrooge on Christmas Eve, with long heavy chains wound around him made of "cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel"—"I wear a chain I forged in life. I made it link by link and yard by yard. I girded it on of my own free will and of my own free will I wore it." What a pity the multitude who wear chains of gold. Their lives are as worthless as unhappy.

Can Money Buy Happiness?

Any daily paper answers, no, if money has been made the goal of life. Money can not buy real friends. Recall the Prodigal Son. Money can not buy love. Read the menacing list of divorces. Watts, speaking about his painting, "For He had Great Possessions," said, "Yes I am doing a man's back, little else. Fancy a man turning his back on Christ, rather than give away his goods! They say the back looks sorry. That is what I meant the back to express."

How Does the Christian Value Money?

He respects money as stored power, life in an effective usable form.

He masters money as a tool for work. Dr. Holden says, "Christ is not warning men against making money. He is warning against money unmaking them."

He invests money for the Kingdom of Christ, just as he invests his time and his talents. He recognizes the sin of hoarded money as the withholding of power for Christian service. Christ teaches that moth and rust and thieves get misers' hoardings. They all three work silently. The every day suit is no lodging place for moth. The steel rails on the main line, shine. The money spent can never be stolen. So the money used for the purposes Christ would approve will never be taken from us. It buys a treasure in eternity.

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June 26, 1926

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

OUR OWN WORK IN LATIN AMERICA

Daily Bible Readings

(The Bible—"Sent to us to send us to other men to tell them how they might be saved.")

New Testament.

Climax of Idea of Missions

The great missionary Jesus Christ came to deliver message.

Matthew 18:11; 12:8; Luke 24:47;; John 8:12; Matthew 6:10; 9:6; 4:23.

Monday—Matthew 4:23; 24:14; 9:6.

The two objects of Jesus' teaching: The Kingdom of God, The Son of Man.

Tuesday—Matthew 6:9-15. The Kingdom of God is a coming kingdom—dynamic, not static.

Wednesday—John 8:12-18. Reach of the kingdom—to all the world.

Thursday—Luke 24:45-48. Conditions of admission same for everyone—Repentance and Faith.

Friday—Matthew 8:10; 11:19; 12:8. "Son of Man." Jews applied the title to the Messiah; Christ applied it to Himself.

Saturday—Matthew 18:11-14. The purpose of the coming of the Son of Man—WORLD-WIDE REDEMPTION.

Program

Hymn—O Beautiful for Spacious Skies.

Prayer.

Scripture Lesson.

The Roll Call of South America (leaflet).

Hymn—Christ for the World We Sing.

Presentation of Our Own Work in Latin America.

Special Music.

Three Prayers:

That our Mission Board may be enabled to enlarge our work in Latin America.

That our workers who are in the field may be blessed in their work.

That from the Luther Leagues of America young men and young women may hear the call to work in our Latin American mission.

Our Own Work in Latin America

For several months we have been studying Latin America. We have learned of the vastness and of the wealth of the twenty republics that make Latin America. This should make us realize the Protestant world must not be slow in planting the Protestant Church. Our own Lutheran work in Latin America does not comprise a large mission, but a careful study will show that there are many encouraging facts connected with our work, both in British Guiana and in Argentina. A series of impersonations will help us to get some idea of what is being done.

The first to speak to us is the Rev. Paul Matchetzki, who is one of our American missionaries, in Argentina.

Rev. Paul Matchetzki: I am Rev. Paul Matchetzki. I am the oldest on the field of any of our American missionaries in South America. When I came to Buenos Aires Dr. Mueller had been there for two years. He and Mrs. Mueller began their work in 1919. Dr. Mueller had been in India for twenty years. This enabled him to do splendid work in South America almost from the very beginning. His twenty years' experience bore much fruit in his new field. His policies and methods did not need more than a slight adjustment and soon every branch of mission work as he had learned it in India took form in the new soil in Argentina. Dr. Mueller's work was suddenly ended in 1924. However, the fruits of his work will never end, but will go on producing and reproducing from year to year.

Dr. and Mrs. Daugherty were the pioneers who blazed the way in Argentina, 1908-1912. Dr. Daugherty while preparing for work in the Spanish organized a Scandinavian Church, conducted services in English and Spanish, had two Sunday Schools, a day school, organized the first English Lutheran Church in Argentina, selected Ville del Parque as the strategic location for our Central Lutheran work and was instrumental in securing Dr. Mueller to reopen the work under the U. L. C. A.

I began my work in 1921. Though our mission in Argentina is not an old one, nor so well known at home, still our work has grown in a wonderful way.

You must not think that Buenos Aires is a city that is behind the times. It is a city of wealth and beauty, with a population of 1,700,000. American tourists could spend many days seeing the sights. There are many schools with handsome buildings—buildings that some of our American colleges would rejoice to have; but these schools are not the kind that build up character. We are most fortunate in the location of our mission. Villa del Parque is the growing part of the city and our property there is worth $100,000. We have a church worth $30,000, a parsonage worth $20,000, and a school building worth $20,000, while the lot on which all of this is located is worth $30,000. I want you to know some of our other workers. All of us who are at work are not Americans. Let me present Mr. Viera.

Professor Piedro Viera: I am Professor Piedro Viera. I am the director of our Lutheran Schools in Buenos Aires. In June, 1921 our school in Villa del Parque began with twelve kindergarten children. Now it has grown into a school of 300. In addition to the elementary grades it offers three years in the Collegio Nacional and three years in commercial courses. Our schools are a part of the national school system. They are inspected by the city Inspector of Teaching. He congratulates us on the fact that 95 per cent. of our students passed their examinations. He says that in some schools 95 per cent. fail.

Rev. I. Guzman: I am Rev. I. Guzman. At one time I was a Roman Catholic priest. I am happy that I was led to Protestantism and am also happy that I have found in Lutheranism what satisfies me best in Protestanism. I am pastor of the Lutheran Church at St. Martin, the chief town near Buenos Aires. It is six miles from Buenos Aires and is connected by street cars and buses. It is an old historic country seat. When Dr. White visited us recently we had two Sunday Schools with twenty-four and forty children present, and at night he preached to a congregation of seventy.

Rev. Julio Resa: I am Rev. Julio Resa. I was educated in Spain. My education was above that of the average young man because I had the priesthood in view. I studied theology and philosophy; but after years of study I found that I could not agree with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. So I became very much confused in my religious life. I taught three years in Spain to escape military service. Then I came to Argentina and became a teacher in the Lutheran schools of Buenos Aires. I became a member of the Lutheran Church and have been ordained as a Lutheran minister and have charge of the church and school at Caseros.

Rev. Jose Requena: I am the Rev. Jose Requena. I also was born in Spain and studied for the priesthood. My study made me dissatisfied with the Roman religion. After my mother's death I determined to leave the Roman Catholic Church and, to save my friends the humiliation of it, I left Spain and came to Argentina in 1923. I met Dr. Mueller and Rev. Guzman and became a teacher in the Lutheran schools. In a short time I joined the Villa del Parque congregation. The next year I was made assistant pastor and have recently become an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church.

Senorita Marci Rosa Soler: I am Senorita Marci Rosa Soler, a native Argentine, born of Protestant parents. I am the teacher in charge of the school in Jose C. Paz. Every Sunday our chapel is filled with worshippers and at the Sunday School hour it is crowded with the boys and girls of the town. My ideal for the school which is in my charge is that it shall be a school that will prepare the mind and heart for the service of the Church, country and home.

Corrine Menges: And I am Corrine Men-

ges. I have not been in Buenos Aires even one year. Yet in the time I have been here I have learned to love my work. I am teaching English and am studying Spanish. This is such a wonderful opportunity for service. Since I have been here I have wondered why many of the college graduates who seek positions and who find that there are many applicants for every position do not apply to our Mission Board for positions as teachers in our schools in Buenos Aires. I am very busy in my work; but I am also very happy. I have learned to love the charming young girls of Buenos Aires. When Dr. and Mrs. White left for America there was not even a slight desire on my part to return with them.

Rev. J. M. Armbruster: I am Rev. J. M. Armbruster. I graduated from Wittenberg College in 1921. After my graduation from college, I entered the Seminary. Immediately after my graduation from the Seminary I was married and Mrs. Armbruster and I came to Buenos Aires on our honeymoon, sailing from New York in July, 1924. We have not been in Argentina long; but our term of service has been long enough to convince us that there is no more strategic mission point than is the one in Buenos Aires. The mission has reached out to neighboring towns; but it should reach out more and should enlarge more and more in Buenos Aires.

Leader: We want to hear something from our other mission stations. British Guiana is the nearest South American country in which we have mission interests. We have stations at New Amsterdam, St. Paul's, St. Lust, and Ituni. Our main station is at New Amsterdam and it is principally among colored people—the product of the intermarriage of whites and blacks in colonial days. Rev. Mr. Haas is one of our missionaries. He will tell us of one of his visits to Ituni.

Rev. Mr. Haas: I will tell you of my visit to Ituni. At twelve o'clock the first church bell rang. The first bell always rings an hour before the service. I hurried over to the mission house for breakfast and to get things in readiness for the service. At one o'clock the bell rang again and I went to church for service, which again had to be a combined service. As I entered the church the congregation arose. The members are Arrowak Indians. We opened the service with a hymn. Johnny, the catechist, and the school children did the singing. One of the most difficult tasks is to get Indians to sing. It is just about as difficult to get them to converse. After the hymn we used the full service. I then conducted the preparatory service, after which I baptized seven little Indian babies. I preached the sermon and administered the Communion.

Leader: Dr. White, superintendent of our South American Mission Work, was in Argentina for two years. He knows the work with its problems and possibilities. There is no one who can tell us better about our South American missions.

Dr White: Much of the great success of the work is due to our school system. There are free government institutions in the same block with our school, but parents prefer to pay tuition and send their children to our school because we give them something that the government school can not give with its exclusion of religion and its impersonality. There is also a Roman school two blocks away. They charge less tuition than we do, but the lack of confidence in church and priests up to the present has kept this school from becoming a real competitor of ours.

We do not exclude religion as do the government schools. We do not force it as do the Roman schools. We make it a part of our life and program and let it win its way. We have prayers and hymns and Bible study and are constantly recruiting for Sunday School, catechetical class and church. Our contribution to the country is the open Word of God and the true way of salvation. They are glad for our contribution when presented in brotherly love and fraternal appreciation but they resent any suggestions of foreign superiority. From the beginning we have used national workers to the greatest possible extent. These national workers have no language troubles. They are of the people. They understand them. They have a direct appeal. Many of them were brought up under Roman influences. They know the errors of the Roman system. Our mission has avoided the grave mistake made by many others. Our church has always been the real center of our work. We believe in schools. We have maintained schools as good as any of their kind in South America. But the Church has not been put to one side.

In October more than one hundred were added to the mission church, at least half of whom came from our schools.

We do not believe in "storeroom missions." The people of South America know and appreciate attractive surroundings. The smallness of a place does not offend their sense of proportion. But when they get inside our churches and see an altar, a pulpit, an organ and benches, all well made, all in harmony, they feel as though they are in a holy place, for the Romans have their oratorios in their homes, at their shrines and in their churches. We believe that it has been really economical to buy good furniture and that an attractive place of worship has been an important factor in enabling us to organize a church with forty-two charter members after six months' work in a very Catholic centre.

Never was I more thankful for the architectural heritage of our beloved Lutheran Church than when I worked in our one lone mission in Latin America. Our one church building in Villa del Parque both inside and outside can be recognized at once as a Church. The Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians have commented on seeing our Church, upon the great advantage in the style of our architecture.

Leader: Certainly with all that we have heard of our own mission work in Latin America, our hearts must be filled with gratitude that our work has prospered. We thank God for the workers—for the American missionaries and for the native workers. We can hardly believe that out of all of the Luther Leaguers of America who are studying this program today there will not be one or more who will want to fill some of the positions that will open up in the schools and in the churches of South America as the work grows.

DIRECTION TO LEADERS

South America's Roll Call noted on the program can be obtained from The Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia. Price 3 cents. Postage should accompany orders.

Additional help may be obtained from the *Lutheran* for January 14, 1926. See Dr. White's article "South America's Lutheran Mission Work Successful." Also April *Woman's Work,* Mrs. Daugherty's article.

The program may be presented without the impersonations suggested. The plan suggested will be different from the usual program. Each missionary secretary will be able to decide the best plan for presentation.

Intermediate Department

NEWS ITEMS

Trinity, Newport News, Va., was tendered a reception on their first anniversary by the Men's Brotherhood. Fine time reported. Let others "Go and Do Likewise."

The Intermediate family is growing bigger and better each day and in every way. Ten new Leagues have "jined" since March 1st, with a total of 280 members. Two Leagues have contributed $17.50 to our Objective during March, making a grand total of $78.50. Your secretary attended an Intermediate League on March 21st and 75 were present. This League isn't registered yet, but will be a "jiner" very soon, and then I will tell you some interesting things about it. At this writing I want to tell you some more good news. Here goes! From Mr. H. C. Ruehl, scoutmaster of Troop No. 48, Boy Scouts of America, Milwaukee, Wis., I received word that his *Boys* had pledged $100.00 to Andhra Christian College, believing in their Scout Oath, *"To help other people at all times."* It is altogether possible that this Troop of Lutheran Scouts is the first to contribute to Andhra Christian College. In view of what these members of the Redeemer Church have done to give the Intermediate boys and girls of India an opportunity for an education, I'm wondering if it should not be construed as a challenge to all our Lutheran Troops of Boy Scouts to contribute. If this is read by persons interested in Scouting, also interested in giving their Scouts a chance to contribute to Andhra, just drop me a word to that effect.

	New Leagues	*No. Members*
80.	Redeemer, Reading, Pa.	40
81.	St. Mark's Birdsboro, Pa.	55
82.	St. Luke's, Waukesha, Wis.	15
83.	Ebenezer, Columbia, S. C.	40
84.	Luther Memorial, Madison, Wis.	55
85.	Reformation, Madison, Wis.	25
86.	St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y.	10
87.	St. Matthew's, York, Pa.	15
88.	Calvary, Bronx, N. Y.	10
89.	Messiah, Harrisburg, Pa.	15
	Total	280

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO OBJECTIVE

10.	Reformation, Baltimore, Md.	$ 5.00
11.	St. Andrew's, Hickory, N. C.	12.50
	Total	$17.50

OUR INTERMEDIATE FAMILY

State	*Number*	*Membership*
Connecticut	1	30
District of Columbia	0	0
Illinois	3	75
Indiana	2	65
Iowa	3	50
Kansas	2	60
Maryland	1	60
Minnesota	1	30
Nebraska	1	15
New Jersey	3	70
New York	27	330
North Carolina	3	70
Nova Scotia	0	0
Ohio	4	90
Pacific Northwest	1	20
Pennsylvania	34	300
South Carolina	1	40
Virginia	1	10
Wisconsin	5	160
Texas	1	15
Totals	89	1490

Send in news items of your League's activities and we'll give them an airing on this page of the REVIEW. So long. See you next month. Fraternally,

R. J. WOLF.

June 6, 1926

"WHAT DO I GET OUT OF MY READING?"

Phil. 4:8, 9; Ps. 119:9-16.

(Miss Julia Tilp)

Reading is one of the things that we all learn to do when we start to school and continue to use throughout the rest of our life. It is from the written page that we learn of things past and things present and things to come. Just think of all the things you would miss if you were unable to read. We consider it quite a simple matter to take our Bibles and read the Scripture lesson for the day but did you ever stop to realize what a great privilege it is to be able to read?

Emerson has well said: "Conversation maketh a ready man; writing maketh an exact man, but reading maketh a full man." Now let us stop and consider what we should be full of. We may spend our time and fill our minds with worthless stuff or we gather a vast fund of useful knowledge and gain an enlarged vision of human culture and progress. From my reading I get pictures of the lives and characters of others and that helps me build my character and mold my life. It helps me to see God's wonderful world of nature and enjoy hill and forest and sky and sea. In addition to reading our Bibles to get food for our soul, we need to direct our attention to the reading of good clean books and magazines.

Reading is a habit which we form when quite young and which continues to bless us even down to old age. Hence we must cultivate a taste for good and wholesome literature. When you buy candy you want the best and why not the best in reading? When you buy a magazine or select a book, do you get it because of the reading matter in it, or because the cover particularly appeals to you? Just as Christ said there were wolves who came in sheep's clothing, so we often get magazines and books that are held up as good but turn out to be questionable and often harmful. You mold your life partly through your reading and in order to shape it properly you must have the right material in your reading matter. We must learn to use our judgment in discriminating between the worthwhile and the worthless in our reading just as in other acts of daily life. Many of us spend our time groping around with many books rather than in selecting a few good books and in mastering them. It may not be wrong to read everything that we can but it is of no value to us to read and not understand what we have read, but it is wrong to waste valuable time in reading worthless stuff when there is so much valuable literature to feed our hungry minds and souls.

We have all heard how Abraham Lincoln pored over the few books he had and studied every word from cover to cover. The book that he enjoyed very much was the Bible, and from the reading of the Bible he acquired that wonderful style that grips us in all his writings. Let us not forget when we read our Bible, we have in it a library composed of sixty-six volumes, written by thirty-six writers, who were directed by God's Spirit to write the things God would have us know. Here we have both prose and poetry. If we wish to read history we have only to turn to the books of Joshua, Judges, 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd Kings; if we desire biography, what better could we find than the story of Jesus' life in the four Gospels. In the Psalms we have many beautiful songs and poems and in the book of Ruth we have a very fascinating love story.

We like to read the wise sayings of Benjamin Franklin, but where can we find better advice than in the Book of Proverbs? This book as we all know was written by Solomon, the wise king, who asked God for wisdom to rule his people rather than riches or personal glory. You might select other forms of literature in the Bible.

There is a special movement on foot today to emphasize the best in prose and poetry. The demand of the public today is for clean, wholesome reading and many of the better books are written with some idea of reform or betterment of mankind in view. In modern poetry this is particularly true and we have the human bravery, dignity, cleanliness, kindliness and humility of Christ's life beautifully portrayed. In the poem "Comrade Jesus," by Sarah N. Cleghorn, we have the following verse:

"Between the twilight of His end,
He made His fellow-felon friend;
With swollen tongue and blinded eyes,
Invited him to Paradise."

Besides soul food I get inspiration and stimulation from my reading. One should learn to detect those flashes of our own ideas that are stirred up by reading the thoughts of others. Very often we so admire the great thoughts of others and dismiss our own ideas as not worthwhile, because they are our own, and then later on we find some one else has developed the very thought we had in mind but which we failed to consider as worthwhile and thereby hindered our soul growth. Thus we may read too much instead of exercising our own intellects. We all need the stimulation that comes from reading what others have said about our life and its problems, about the things about us and about God and His love for us and for all men, but if our reading of even good books fails to stimulate our thoughts into active thinking we may well ponder whether we are not dissipating

in too much reading with too little real thinking. Reading helps us think high and holy thoughts about God and His dealing with the children of men.

In our reading we should ask the advice of our parents and teachers and pastor that they may help us cultivate a taste for various kinds of literature so that our thoughts and ideals may be broadened and we may develop higher standards of right and wrong. Just as the eyes and nose have been placed over the mouth to aid us in the selection of food for the body, so we have been given minds and hearts and conscience to help us select food for our hungry souls but too often in our reading we spend our time for that which is not bread for the soul.

In reading as in everything else, we get out of it about as much as put in. We need to concentrate and try to understand what we read. Very often we are like the Ethiopian eunuch whom Philip saw riding and reading, but who did not understand what he was reading. How many times have you read a whole page and then found out that you can not recall a single thing that you have read? Such reading has no value and is a positive waste of time. Beware how and what you read.

Whatever other good books you read or do not read, form the habit of reading a passage from your Bible every day.

This will be following the admonition of our Psalm:

"Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Thy word." Remember what Paul told Timothy, II Tim. 3:15.

"That from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The Psalmist said: "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

In giving the program select hymns from the Common Service of The Word. No. 168. Lord, Thy Word abideth. 167. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word. No. 4332. Almighty God! Thy Word is cast. Read the Psalm in unison, or have some one commit and recite it. Also II Tim. 3:14-17.

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June 13, 1926

DOES WHAT I SAY SHOW WHAT I AM?

(By Rev. Frederick W. Barry.)

Luke 6:43-45.

Bible Readings: Matt. 6:16-21; Matt. 12:33-37; Mark 7:20-23; James 3:10-18; Matt. 7:15-23.

Trees. Some of you boys and girls live where the great fruit orchards are, and know something of how the trees must be cared for. They must be pruned and sprayed and looked after, constantly, to insure healthy trees and good fruit. The scale, and the various forms of plant disease, if not destroyed, will sooner or later destroy the fruit, and the tree itself. So one can very easily observe the tree, what it really is, by the kind of fruit it bears. If the tree is healthy the fruit will be perfect, but if the tree is diseased the fruit will show marks of corruption. "Every tree is known by its fruit."

Lives. Our lives are very similar to the trees we have been studying about. They bear fruit also. It all depends upon the condition of the life, what the fruit is. If the heart is pure and the mind clean of evil thoughts, and if the associations are of the right kind, and good habits are cultivated, then the conversation, and the outward actions will also be pure and clean and helpful.

One cannot think impure thoughts, or harbor unclean habits without, sooner or later, showing them in outward acts and words. We become like unto the thoughts we think. Our words are but our thoughts—thought out loud. So it is impossible for us to harbor evil and impure thoughts, and at the same time speak noble words and live chasted lives. "By their fruits ye shall know them." "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Pruning and Spraying. There must be constant watch and care given to our lives as there is to trees, that evil may be detected and destroyed before that evil corrupts the life. Bad habits and unwholesome literature, and pictures, together with evil associations must be pruned from our lives. They come upon us unawares and so we must be on our guard constantly. Then to get rid of evil thoughts we must fill our minds with holy things. For this the daily study of our Bibles and the cultivation of the prayer life, will destroy the germs of corruption and fill our hearts and minds with holy meditations.

These, then, will make us Christ-like, and to be like Jesus, will be, to "Go about, doing good." It was said of Him, as a boy, "He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." And so will it be with every other boy and girl in our Intermediate Societies.

We show, outwardly, by our words and by our actions, just what inwardly, we really are. We cannot deceive ourselves that we may keep hidden, secret sins, evil habits and the like. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." "Be sure your sin will find you out." These are only ways

the Bible has of assuring us that—what we really are, will be shown in our words and by our actions.

Youth is the time when character is forming, when habits, both good and bad, are established. So let our Intermediates pledge to Jesus lives full of good deeds, minds thinking only pure and holy thoughts, hearts, dedicated as temples wherein the Holy Spirit may abide continually. Then will you bear much fruit to the glory of God.

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June 20, 1926

HOW CAN WE TAKE OUR RELIGION WITH US ON OUR VACATION?

Psalm 139:1-12.

Vacation time is here. The mind of youth is overflowing with the thoughts of good times in camps, on hikes, along the streams and ocean, upon the mountains, on the farm and in the far off city. Many boys and girls will soon be off on their vacations. They will leave behind the familiar faces, places and things; and meet unfamiliar faces, see unfamiliar places and experience unfamiliar things. But there is One beside mother who goes with us whereever we go and we cannot leave Him behind. That Person is God. Our lesson tells us that God knows our every experience, understands our every thought and hears our every word; is with us wherever we go, even to the uttermost parts of the sea, and that in darkness and in light is ever present with us.

Since God is so much a part of us, the question we should ask ourselves before going away from home for a little while is, how much are we a part of God? The suit or dress you wear is a part of you, but the part you are to it is determined by the care you have for it. You may don another suit or dress, still the one laid aside is a part of you. So God, as far as He is concerned, is a part of you whether you care for Him or not. We know our friends so well that a change of clothing does not disguise them. They are still our friends and we know them. We never change ourselves away from God's knowledge of us. Our concern then should be that of a welcome recognition from God, in spite of any temporary change in dress, place or friends. We should want always to be a part of God.

Now our religion, which consists of the worship of the One True God, is a part of us. I take that to be true with all my Intermediates. The concern we have for religion bespeaks our concern for God. And since God cannot be left behind when we go off on our vacation, neither can we leave behind our religion without suffering terrible loss. Religion is not something to be put on or taken off at will.

How then shall our Topic be answered in the face of the above facts? 1—By truly feeling God's presence with you. When your dear mother bids you goodby and kisses you before you leave for your vacation she may say, "I'll be thinking of you, child," and all the time you are gone she is with you in spirit and thought, if not in person. Our Saviour just before ascending into heaven said, "And, lo, I am with you always." God's presence is everywhere visible and felt. See it, feel it, be controlled by it, live as in it; for He, like mother, say it's so.

2—By not forgetting God's precepts—the simple and wholesome lessons learned and believed from His Word. Again before going away from home dad will say, "Son, be a good boy," or "Daughter, be a good girl." What does he mean? Just this, you are to live by the good things learned at home, in school and in the church. God is good, and being good is being God-ly.

3—By doing good. Many a boy or girl while on their vacation have performed great deeds of valor in saving life. Magazines for boys and girls tell of many summer rescues from drowning and accident by those away on vacation. This is one form of doing good, for Christ said, "Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends;" but if we wait to do unusual things most of us will die without a good turn to our credit. So on your vacation remember the common courtesies of life and be helpful and kind. You may have a chance to help a fellow motorist, a fellow camper, someone on the train, an aged person here and there—do good, and thus receive the approval of Jesus the same as the youth who endangers his life to save another, when He says: "Thou wast faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

4—By speaking a good word for Jesus. The very evening this is being written I was away from home and while eating my dinner a young lad sat down at a table opposite me, and bowing his head, said silent grace. That boy spoke a good word for Jesus. He wasn't ashamed among strangers to bow in prayer before eating to thank Him who giveth our meat to eat and our water to drink. While vacationing you may be thrown into bad company. Remember Christ then and speak a good word for Him by the example of good conduct.

5—Just one more thought. It is said, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." That being true, remember to be clean when away from home. Clean in all your contacts with others, and clean with God's beautiful out-of-doors. Good campers and good tourists are clean people. They burn up all garbage and paper before leaving a camp site. They

do not throw glass into the water for some bather to cut a foot on. They respect the rights of others.

QUESTIONS

1—What is meant by religion?

2—Is it like a Sunday suit, only to be used on Sundays and at special times?

3—Even though we lay our religion aside for a time, can we get away from God? *Why?*

4—What things in nature remind you of God's presence?

5—Tell some good deed done while on a vacation.

6—Name other ways to be clean among people and with nature.

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HIGH ADVENTURE (CHAPTER SIX) YOUTH'S HIGH ADVENTURE

Missionary

(*Laura Wade Rice.*)

Scripture Topic—Every Man in His Own Tongue.

Scripture—Acts 2:1-18.

Hymn—Come, Holy Spirit, Common Service Book, 146, 2nd tune, verses 1, 2, 3, 6.

Prayer.

Superintendent—On the day of Pentecost, Jews from all parts were gathered at Jerusalem. The preaching of Christ by the Apostles was understood by "every man in his own tongue." Thousands believed and carried the story of salvation through Jesus Christ to their own lands, becoming, with Paul's Jewish converts, the first preachers and martyrs for Jesus, before and during the first great persecution, which was especially directed against the Jews and Jewish Christians. The Greek New Testament appeared, then in the next centuries the ancient versions, Syrian, Armenian, Coptic, Latin and Ethiopic. Daily Bible reading was enjoined on all catechumens and older Christians. Many became Christians through the reading of the Scriptures. It was ordered that "children in Christian homes should be introduced to the Bible from the very earliest age." "Little girls from seven years onward should learn the Psalms by heart." "Little boys and girls should learn to put together Biblical names with their ivory letter blocks." "The chief aim in the whole training of a child was that he should be taught to understand the Bible."

Readings from The Bible and Missions, p. 99—Syriac, Coptic, Indian Bibles, pp. 102, 3, of Ulfilas the Goth, who would not translate 1st and 2nd Kings because his people were too "fighty already." Pp. 103-9 of Wyclif, Tinsdale and Coverdale, pp. 106-8 on Difficulties of Bible Translation, p. 115. of Schereschewsky the Jewish Christian, the paralyzed, giving the Bible in Wenli to millions of Chinese. (Stop at page 17 for this month.)

Hymn—Spread, O Spread, thou Mighty Word, Common Service Book, 166, tune 277 in Appendix.

Superintendent—Too many of those good old ways have gone out of fashion. Home is not always a place where little children learn to know and love God and His Word in their play. Every one of you young people are helping to make or to spoil a Christian home. And the Christian home—all the thinkers are saying today, is what will make America—if it is lost America is lost. "Blessed is that people whose God is the Lord," says the Book of Books. These foreign people are, with us, the makers of the America of Tomorrow. How can we make it "a praise in the whole earth," how can we help them to make and keep America "God's country?" How help to have their homes abiding places for Him?

Leader—We want America to stand for just that—God's Country. And that means that we boys and girls have quite a big job of housecleaning ahead of us as we grow up. America must be "a place where humanity is respected, where every person has an equal right—and chance—to live a clean, decent citizen's life." "This is an adventure" the book says, "that we shall have to follow all our lives,—in school, in our neighborhood, later on in our business or in our profession, and in our church life."

A—It is "Youth's High Adventure" which lies before us, and all adventure depends upon the adventurer. If we are Pizorros we shall steal and kill and destroy. If we are Benjamin Franklin's we shall found cities of Brotherly Love,—or, as is most needed now we shall get to work and clean up the cities and bring them back to Brotherly Love. And for all this—to banish graft, bad politics, impurity and all evil ways—we shall need the help of every foreign born or foreign descended young man and young woman in America. More than that—we shall all need the help of Jesus Christ.

B—So let us see to it that we ourselves keep close to Him, that we are clean in thought, word and deed, hate evil of all sorts, play fair, and are honest even when it means loss to ourselves,—that we have high ideals, and then make friends with the strangers within our gates, many of whom have higher ideals for America than we have, and, fighting shoulder to shoulder with them for God and the right, make America what God meant it to be. But "no one can lift higher than he stands," the Proverb says.

C—First—ourselves. Then—friendship. How? The first step is in our own minds.

Be friends. Find out their good points, forget differences that are only skin deep or clothes deep. Scout troops will help. Church work has helped in many ways, school clubs help. Read pp. 142-145.

D—The book suggests making a map of your town or city neighborhood, finding where these future friends and helpers live, where their churches and parochial schools are, know something about them, something likable. Be likable yourself—make friends. "He that would have friends must show himself friendly," says our Guide Book. "Accept friendship as well as offer it." Let the other fellow have a chance to do something for you—it is blessed to receive as well as to give. "Go to their churches some Sunday with your teacher—go to worship, not to look around." Show them you reverence the same God they do. God is in every house called by His name.

E—Think how you would like to be treated—then measure by the Golden Rule. This does not just mean to take a spurt of friendliness, but to make it the habit of your life and thought.

F—Reads of "Travelers", pp. 155-57.

Leader—A High Adventure indeed!

We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and glorious time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.

And ever as we press forward we shall see, just a step ahead, but very close—as did the young men in the fiery furnace. Another—whose form is that of the Son of God! We are in good Company, we follow our leader. On to victory.

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

A LITTLE JUNIOR IN INDIA

(Emily Marion Fiedler, the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fiedler, of Pedappuram, India. She is a Sustaining Member of the Luther League of America! Her mother—Sarah Mayberry Fiedler, one time assistant secretary of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, is an ardent Luther Leaguer—and Emily Marion is going to grow up *just like that!*)

At Home at 8-0-6!

The Junior Secretary—together with all the force—feels that we have entered into a new and bigger work. On March 23 we moved into our new and larger quarters at 806 Muhlenberg Building, and we feel that now the work can be carried on in a way that was impossible in our former cramped quarters.

Each of the Secretaries has his own room! How important we feel! With her library —books of stories and Junior methods, etc., —arranged, a few posters put up and some pictures—the Junior Secretary is all ready for callers and business! The Junior League of Redeemer, Monaca, Pa., presented the Junior Secretary with two beautiful pictures, "The Hope of the World," and "Christ Blessing the Children," for the new room. Thanks, Redeemer Juniors!

With our Intermediate Secretary to look after the work with the 'teen age boys and girls the Junior Secretary is free now to devote all her energy and her whole time to Juniors. She stands ready to help you. Call upon her. She hears clearly a call to serve the children of our United Lutheran Church, she has a vision of great work which shall and must be done for them. But she can only do this work and reach this vision if you cooperate and do your share—help with the children in the local church.

So call at 8-0-6, our new number, or write for any suggestions or help we can give you. Write the number where you will have it handy—806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Our "Junior League Room" in Andhra Christian College

In the April Review we reported $164.86 for Andhra Christian College. We now have $238.61—almost half!

Dr. Strock called the other day in the office and was delighted to hear that we had almost half of the $500 in hand. He said, "Tell the Juniors that if they contribute $600 'Junior League Room' in Andhra Christian College will be a room for four boys instead of three." Shall we make it $600? Everyone else is oversubscribing for Andhra! Let's us!

200 New Junior Leagues During 1926! 46 Registered to Date!

The following is the report of our Campaign for new Junior Leagues:

	Quota	*Reached*
Connecticut	5	—
Columbia District	5	—
Illinois	5	—
Iowa	—	—
Indiana Synodical	20	2
Kansas	5	—
Maryland Synodical	10	1
Michigan Synodical	10	1
Minnesota	5	—
Nebraska	10	1
New Jersey	10	1
New York	35	2
North Carolina	—	1
Ohio	50	6
Pacific Northwest	5	1
Pennsylvania :		
Allentown	5	2
Berks	10	2
B. M. C.	5	2
Erie Conference	5	1
Greensburg	5	2
Harrisburg	5	1
Johnstown	10	4
Lancaster	5	1
Northeast	5	—
Philadelphia	10	3
Pittsburgh	15	5
Ridgway Conference	5	2
Schuylkill	10	—
Upper Lehigh	5	—
York	15	—
Isolated	5	3
South Carolina	—	1
Texas	5	1
Wisconsin	10	—
Total		46

Which State or District will be the first to reach its quota? Help put your League on the Honor Roll. Be sure to register your Junior League as soon as organized. We have at least a dozen new Leagues reported indirectly which have as yet not registered. Send to the office for a Registration Blank, or write the name of the church, superintendent's name and address, when organized and number enrolled on a post card and mail.

Sustaining Memberships

Five more—making a total of 25 Sustaining Memberships from the Juniors! Will your Junior League take out a Five Dollar Membership? Send the same to Mr. John Greiner, Jr., 400 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, Pa., and report same to the Junior Secretary.

News

Watch *Ohio!* She has Second Place in the amount contributed for Andhra Christian College by the Juniors—Pennsylvania contributed $100; Ohio, $48.75, and New York a close third with $45.76. She has second place in the total number of new registered Leagues to date—Pennsylvania 27, Ohio 6, New York 2. She is pushing for second place in the Sustaining Membership list also—Pennsylvania 18, New York 3, Ohio 2. Watch *Ohio!*

The Junior League of St. Paul's, Chicago, Ill., reports: "We have a vested Junior choir, with the gowns purchased by the Junior League, and we contributed $50 toward the new church bell rung for the first on Easter morning. We visited the Children's Receiving Home at Maywood." The age of this group is 11-15, and they are contemplating dividing the organization and having both Junior and Intermediate Leagues, extending the age to 16.

Grace, Rochester, Pa., reports 176 members! Is there a larger Junior League anywhere?

Christ, Dallastown Juniors sent Easter crosses to the Junior Leaguers in the Virgin Islands. They made bandages for a hospital in Africa, sent Christmas toys to the Virgin Islands, paid for 4 copies of *Luther Boys and Girls and Young Folks,* for Miss Corrine Menges, missionary in South America, from the York District, and report interesting meetings with the Junior Topics studied. 40 to 45 Juniors regularly attend.

St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y., took out a Sustaining Membership and contributed $3 to Andhra Christian College. They gave a fine program at the Vesper Service on January 31.

Bethany, Lima, Ohio, reports: "We had a Contest recently to bring back old members and gain new ones. After three weeks we had to close this, because we could not accommodate the children! Our room is small and 40 is just about all we can handle!"

Do Junior Institutes pay? A representative of Emmanuel Lutheran Slovak Church, Mahanoy City, attended the one held recently in Philadelphia and went back home and organized not only a Junior, but an Intermediate and Senior League as well in the congregation!

St. John's Wilkes-Barre, Pa., writes: "You will find Five Dollars inclosed as our contribution for Andhra Christian College. We have a 'Missionary Pig,' in which we put an offering each week, as well as the regular fund, and last Sunday we opened the pig, and are sending this, and still have

some left for another project we hope to take up."

First, Findlay, Ohio, writes: "An enjoyable dinner was given by the Reds to the Blues in a membership contest held in the Junior League, followed by games and contests. At the March meeting, $8.23 was reported in the treasury, acknowledgment was read of their contribution of $5 for Andhra Christian College, and $1 toward a Sustaining Membership, 3 new members were received, the Luther League purpose was recited, the certificates of membership were voted to be framed. The lesson consisted of a Lenten story with questions, followed by a Bible question contest. A social hour followed."

Faith, Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa., sent $5 for Andhra Christian College. They report, "We had a fine program on Andhra College. We gave the exercise, 'A. C. C.,' and the pantomime, 'O, Zion, Haste.' We had a Valentine Social on February 11."

St. Matthew's, Crafton, Pa., have a special Missionary Box which they use when they have a missionary topic.

Christ, Shrewsbury, Pa., reports a Birthday Meeting with 48 present, and an offering of $9. Altar vases for the church, costing $25 were purchased by the League.

Junior institutes will be held in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mansfield, Ohio, in the near future.

The Junior Secretary is spending some time in New York, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, before starting in on summer work.

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June 6, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC

The missionary topics for the current six months are based on the book, "Brave Adventurers," price 50 cents paper binding, 75 cents cloth. This series ends with June. Beginning with July the topics will be based on the book, "Better Americans No. 3," by Herbert W. Gates, price 75 cents, cloth binding only.

The Man Who Told

Aim: *To lead the boys and girls to realize that the message of God's love is for all the world, and that those who have heard must share the message with those who have never been told.*

Handwork and Discussion Period. As this is the last period for handwork many members of the group will come early and the leader will have an excellent opportunity for discussion with them as they work.

Worship Period. Hymn, "I Think When I Read that Sweet Story of Old."

Thank God that we know Him and His love and pray that we may do more to share our knowledge of Him with all the people of the world. A girl dressed in a *Sari* of India may sing "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

Bible lesson on people who told others,—Andrew told Peter; the woman at the well told her friends; Philip told the man from Ethiopia. John 1:41; John 4:39; Acts 26: 38.

Conversation Period. Show pictures illustrative of the worship of people who do not know of the true God. The Stone Prayer Wheel, page 48; The Ringing of the Prayer Bell, page 97; Idols of Aniwa, page 84.

Do you think that every one who knows of God's love should tell others? The story for today is about the Man Who Told.

Story Period. Tell the story of The Man Who Told.

Discussion Period. Do you think Narayan was the kind of a boy you would like for a friend? Why? Was he a good scholar? What letters are added to a boy's name when he becomes a man in India? To a girl's name? What did Narayan give up for his religion? How did he feel toward the people who hated him and tried to kill him? In what ways did he tell the people of India about God?

Why do all the school children love the name Narayan Vaman Tilak? Have one of Tilak's poems read.

Do you think Tilak is worthy of a place on our Brave Adventurers Chart?

How may we help to tell all the people of the world of God's love?

Memory Period. Review all the memory verses and add a new verse.

Handwork Period. Make a Conundrum Booklet with map of India in silhouette for cover and pages according to pattern. On each page write a conundrum on India. Leave space for answer. The books may be taken home and answers looked up and written in and then be brought back for the exhibit and a gold star pasted on each page with correct answer.

The work for the exhibit should be finished and if necessary an additional meeting for handwork should be arranged.

There should be a definite closing period for the course of study. The class hymn or "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" may be sung.

The leader may offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of the brave adventurers about whom we have studied. The leader may also mention objects for prayer and the members of the group may pray silently:

For those who have not been told.

For the missionaries who are our brave adventurers.

For ourselves that wherever we are we may be brave adventurers for God.

Instead of silent prayer the boys and girls may offer sentence prayers.

June 13, 1926

THE MEANING OF OUR FLAG

Prov. 14:34.

(This is a holiday topic—to observe Flag Day. Have a special program.)

THE TOPIC

Hymn—God Bless Our Native Land.

Scripture Verse—Proverbs 14:34—"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (To be read and memorized.)

Introduction (by Junior acting as leader)—We are to hear today about our Flag and its meaning.

Our flag is the emblem of our country. Each nation has its flag, which it loves and honors, and each nation thinks its flag the finest. Our country's flag is not just a bit of red, white and blue; it is an emblem which stands for our nation and her ideals.

It was back in the time of the Revolutionary War that we had our first flag. It was then Betsy Ross made for Washington the first flag. It was Francis Scott Key who wrote the song and named the flag, "The Star Spangled Banner." Today we have our flag, standing for all the power and the glory of our United States. There are thirteen red and white stripes. These stand for the original thirteen states which first made up our country. Then there is a blue field in which there are stars, one for every state in our nation now. The Red in the flag stands for Courage and Bravery. It was the courage and bravery of our great-great-grandfathers who fought to keep the nation alive which made it possible for us to have a flag.

The White in our flag stands for Purity. As a nation we are a Christian people and our government has always tried to follow the principles of righteousness, which we learned of in our memory verse.

The Blue in the flag stands for Truth and Sincerity. In all our dealings with other nations, we have always tried to be fair and honest.

But our flag means still more than this. Through all the years as our nation has grown it has stood for the highest and best. Let us see what some of these things are.

EXERCISE—WHAT OUR FLAG MEANS—By six Juniors, dressed in red, white and blue gowns of cheesecloth.

First Junior (carrying shield covered with red, white and blue paper, with "JUSTICE" printed in large letters on shield)—I stand for *Justice*. Our flag means that. (Reads Romans 13:1,4): Our nation has always tried to be just in its dealings with other nations, and to see that weaker nations were treated justly by the stronger ones.

Second Junior (carrying shield with word "FREEDOM)— Of course we have always stood for *Freedom*. We fought for that when we became a nation. This does not mean just a free land where none are slaves. It means freedom to think, and freedom to worship God as we choose. For that the Puritans, the Quakers, the Swedes, indeed nearly all of the first settlers came to America. And we must remember that real freedom is knowing and serving God. (Reads John 8.32.)

Third Junior (Carrying shield with word "FRIENDSHIP")—Our flag stands for *Friendship*, also. (Reads Leviticus 19:33, 34.) There are many "strangers within our gates." Each year brings hundreds of people to America from other lands. And as a country America is doing the best she can to welcome them and help. Our flag means "*Friendship*" to these people.

Fourth Junior (carrying shield with word "UNITY")—Without union no nation can stand. One of our first great men said, "United we stand; divided we fall." When our nation worked together in one spirit, it always prospered. Our Psalmist gives us a picture of another *Unity*. (Reads Psalm 122:3-9.) It tells of the city of Jerusalem, together as one strong city, to which all the tribes go up. Just so as our nation is one strong in following the Lord will it become a great power. Our flag stands for *Unity*.

Fifth Junior (carrying a shield with word "HONESTY")—Our flag stands for honesty and truth. (Reads 2 Corinthians 13:7.) In dealings with other nations and in our laws our nation has ever tried to be honest and true with God and His laws.

Sixth Junior (carrying a shield with word "PATRIOTISM")—(Reads Psalm 137: 4-6.) Our flag above all else stands for *Patriotism*. We must mean this. It is good to sing "The land of the free and the home of the brave." But if we disobey laws and do things which harm the country and the people, it means nothing. We are not patriotic then. Our flag teaches us to do the right thing always in obeying the laws of the land.

Song—The Star Spangled Banner.

Salutes to the Flags—(If your Juniors do not know this, take time to teach.) One chord struck on piano. American and Christian flags brought forward. All rise.

American flag raised. One verse, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," sung.

Salute to American flag given (hand raised to forehead at word "flag" extended)—"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

American flag lowered. Christian flag raised. One verse, "Fling Out the Banner," sung.

Salute to Christian flag given (hand raised to forehead, at word "Flag"—extended)—"I pledge allegiance to my flag,

and to the Saviour for Whose Kingdom it stands, one Brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love." Chord struck on piano—all seated.

Leader—There is another flag about which we should think, while we think of our country's flag. It is our Church's flag.

This is a blue flag, with a small field of white, on which there is a red cross.

Whenever a church service of any sort is held on board a ship, this flag—the Christian flag—is run up to the top of the mast. It is the only flag that ever goes above the American flag.

Let us hear something more of this flag.

Tableau—"Fling Out the Banner" by several Juniors. (Secure this exercise for two cents from League headquarters.)

Closing Hymn — Sentence Prayers — Lord's Prayer.

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June 20, 1926

ELIJAH, WHOSE TORCH REMINDED PEOPLE OF GOD

1 Kings 18:30-38.

This is one of the series of "Bible Torchbearer" Topics. Are you making a Torchbearer Chart? Are you using the "Bible Torchbearer" Daily Bible Readings?)

THE TOPIC

Hymn.

Bible Story—A Story of True and False Gods. (Assign 1 Kings 18:30-38 the week previous to one of the Juniors, and have them tell the story. The superintendent may add a few words to bring out the points of the story.) God has sent a great prophet, Elijah, to guide His people. The Israelites were in the midst of heathen tribes, and their king, Ahab, had departed from the ways of the Lord, married a daughter of one of the heathen tribes, and was serving the false god Baal. The people needed to be reminded of God. Elijah meets the prophets of the false god. They mock Elijah and the true God. Each built an altar. An offering is put on each, without any fire. The sacrifice of the false god remains untouched, but Elijah's offering is consumed by fire from heaven. The false prophets are destroyed, and Elijah goes on to tell of the power and the might of the True and Living God.

Introduction (by Junior as leader)—We have seen the Children of Israel led into the Promised Land. We have learned of their enemies. We heard of a great leader who gave them the law. Who was he? Another leader was a great soldier leader? Who was he? Now, with tribes all about them who knew not God, with a king who worshipped false gods, they needed a leader who would hold high the Torch and keep it burning as never before. Elijah is the Torchbearer we shall hear about today.

First Junior—Both the children of Israel and the heathen nations needed to be reminded of God. So He told Elijah to make a prophecy to the people that there would be no rain for some time. In this way He would show His power. (Reads 1 Kings 17:1.) And it was Elijah who was thus called to remind the people of God.

Second Junior—Fleeing from the wrath of the people, and the prophets of the false gods, Elijah dwelt for some time by the side of a brook. Here the ravens fed him every day. (Reads 1 Kings 17:5, 6.) God always cares for those who are doing His work, and supplies all their needs.

Third Junior—When the brook dried up because there was no rain, God directed Elijah to the home of a widow, where he was provided for. (Reads 1 Kings 17:8-16.) And so long as the widow made food for Elijah, the barrel of meal was always filled, and the cruse of oil did not have less in it. In a great miracle, God provided the food. God today supplies the needs of the whole world. There is enough for all, if we only trusted the Lord, and tried in a little way to share His blessings a little more evenly. Is that not a miracle?

Fourth Junior—Elijah still goes on to stand for God, and to remind the people of Him. He next calls on the false prophets, those worshipping the god Baal to show how strong they are. (Reads 1 Kings 18:21.) The rest of that story we have already heard in our Bible story, how the false prophets were put to flight.

Fifth Junior—And then Elijah becomes discouraged. The wife of King Ahab tries to kill him. There seems no use to go on trying to do right when everything goes wrong. (Reads 1 Kings 19:4.) Elijah goes out, sits down under a juniper tree, and asks God that he may die, that it is not worth while to go on. And then God sends angels to feed him and comfort him to go on with the work.

Sometimes we come to "juniper trees"—that is we are doing all the things that Juniors should do—trying to do our best at home, school, church, and yet, somehow things do not go as they should. We become discouraged. But we should not. If we are doing right, let us go straight on, and God will in some way help us.

Sixth Junior—At last Elijah's work is done. He has held up the Torch of God high, reminded the people at all times of the true God. The wicked queen Jezebel, wife of King Ahab, is killed. A young prophet, Elisha, has been trained to go on with his work. And then God takes Elijah to heaven. (Reads 2 Kings 2:11.) God always has a reward for those who do His work, and

will give to those who believe in Him and serve Him the joy of everlasting life.

Picture Study—Picture suggested in this series—"Elijah, Moses, Joshua," shown and explained by one of the Juniors.

Torchbearer Chart—Picture added to chart.

Closing Hymn—Sentence Prayers—Lord's Prayer.

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June 27, 1926

WHO ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS?

Prov. 17:17.

THE TOPIC

Hymn.

Leader (a Junior)—We are to hear today about Friendship. One of the best gifts God has given us is Friends.

Our best friends are those who help us most and show us true kindness. It is those who are willing to sacrifice for us, go into danger for us, who are really our best friends. Let us hear about some of our best friends.

Junior—First among our best friends are our parents. In Gen. 37:3 we have a story of one parent who showed his love for one of his children. (Reads.)

We all know the story of Joseph's coat.

Parents are always ready to do all they can for their children. Our fathers and mothers want to give us everything they can. They love us so much that they are willing to do anything they can for us.

And when they refuse us anything, or correct us, they are our best friends. They do it for our good. A baby likes the bright flames of the fire, but will the mother let him put his hand into the fire? Junior boys and girls want to play and neglect their lessons; or they must be corrected when they forget to be polite, or are tardy; or tell falsehoods or cheat in play. Because father and mother are our best friends, they correct us and help us to grow up into the right sort of men and women.

Junior—Our family as a whole is a good friend also. John 11:1-4 (reads) gives us a picture of a happy home. And how troubled Mary and Martha were when their brother was taken sick!

Our family loves us in the same way. How anxious they are if we are sick. How happy when we are happy, and there is something to please us. It is only when all the family works together and loves one another and all help one another that we can have a happy family.

Do you try to be a "best friend" to the rest of the family? Are you cheerful and happy at home? Do you ever plan little surprises for father or mother? Do you remember their birthdays? If grandfather or grandmother are in the home, do you do little kind things for them? There are many ways in which you can prove a best friend in your family.

Junior—The boys and girls we play with and meet every day at school and in the neighborhood can be our best friends, too.

They often do kind things for us. There is a story in the Bible of the friendship of David's companions. At war, hidden from enemies in a cave, David longs for a drink from the well at Bethlehem. His followers think so much of him that they run the risk of being caught by the enemy in order to grant David his wish. ((Reads 2 Samuel 23:14-16.)

Often our friends are willing to sacrifice for us, do hard things for us, even run into danger for us.

Are we "best friends" to the other boys and girls?

Junior—Heb. 13:17 tells us of some other "best" friends. Our teachers are among our best friends. Perhaps we all may not think so. Some of the boys may think the teachers are not their friends. But who of us would want to grow up knowing nothing. Our business while we are Juniors is to get ready for life. Our teachers help prepare us to be useful men and women. Sometimes we make it hard for them. But they are among our best friends.

Junior—Sometimes our friends are those who hurt us in some way, but for our own good. If we have some faults, our best friends are those who tell us about them, and help us overcome them. If we are proud and vain, one who tells us and helps us to forget about pretty clothes or whether we always look nicer than anyone else is one of our best friends. If we get angry quickly, our best friend is one who helps us keep back the angry words.

In Prov. 27:6 we read, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."

Junior—Our very best Friend is our Lord and Saviour. There are few of us who could love as Jesus loved. He was willing to lay down His life for His friends.

John 15:13 tell us (reads).

If God so loved us that He sent His only Son, and if that Son so loved us that He was willing to give up His life for us, ought not we love Him as our Best Friend, and try to serve and please Him in every way we can?

Discussion—How can we make friends? How can we be friends to others? How can we be best friends at home? At school? At church?

Memory Verse—Prov. 17:17, "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

Closing Hymn—Sentence Prayers—That we may be better friends. *Lord's Prayer.*

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MORE THAN STORIES

Two students were discussing the various translations of the Bible. One, who preferred the King James, was giving arguments in its favor. The other suddenly broke in upon his arguments, saying:

"I prefer my mother's translation to any other."

"Your mother's! What do you mean?"

"I mean," was the reply, "that my mother translated the Bible into the language of daily life in the home ever since I was old enough to understand anything. She translates it straight, too, and gives it full meaning. There's no obscurity in her version. When I study the printed version my mother's home life clears up all difficulties."

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There is a story of a man, who upon hearing singing in his neighbor',s house, ventured to call. He was ushered into the parlor, where he found the daughter seated at the piano, and the two sons who had been singing standing by. He begged of them to continue their singing.

Their first selection was entitled "Mother," and was sung feelingly. Their next was "Mother Machree." Then followed others of like sentiments. By and by in a lull the visitor asked for the mother's health.

"Oh, she's well enough!" said the husband; "she's in the kitchen washing the dishes, and after she has finished and brought in the wood she'll join us."

Is such a home too common to allow comment?

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BOOKS

We regret that the Review is not larger. We should like to give space to Book Reviews, for our young folks should have some guidance in selection of books. As it is we may simply refer to some worth-while books received from the publishers. We would gladly care for orders if more convenient for the buyer.

Lutheran Youth in the Modern World, by Rev. Carl Betz, pastor of Bethlehem Church, Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. Paul G. Krutzky, pastor of Zion Church, Cohocton, N. Y. (The Lutheran Literary Board, 1926.) The authors' purpose is expressed in the subtitle, "A Book for Lutheran Young People." They discuss the problems of youth with an eye to our own youth, trained in catechism and Bible. After a short introduction treating of Modern Youth the rest of the book is devoted to "Lutheran Youth." Subjects include his faith, his challenge to and cultivation of the Christian life, his social life and his Church. The conclusion holds out our faith to youth as *reasonable, transmitted vital* and *saving.* Both pastors are interested in the Luther League and show in their treatment of the subject their Luther League training. The book is commended.

The Problem of Origins, by Rev. Prof. Leander S. Keyser, of Hamma Divinity School, published by Macmillan in 1926, is a fair, yet positive treatment of the problem of creation. Dr. Keyser does not question the data with which scientists work, nor does he impute motives. He does with consummate skill challenge the conclusions of those who teach creative evolution. This book should be read by students as an antidote for class-room atheism.

The Human Element in the Making of a Christian, by Bertha Condé, Senior Student Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., published by Charles Scribners in 1923, is a series of studies in personal evangelism. Very suggestive.

NATURE SKETCHED—J. A. Udden. Illustrated. Board cover. (Augustana Book Concern) 40 cents. A series of stories and sketches written in simple style and popular vein, giving some of the observations on things of interest made by this noted geologist.

League News Items

COLUMBIA DISTRICT (OREGON AND SOUTHERN WASHINGTON)

Gus J. Weigelt edits the *Bulletin*. Miss Elfreda Zuts and Miss Hilda Schassen are assistants. They do a good job!

On account of President William E. Salzmann's illness and removal from the district, the vice-president, Miss Hilda Schassen, succeeds him. The prayers of a host of friends will go with Mr. Salzmann. A poem by him appears on another page.

ASTORIA—Memorial League reports a "Get-together," including a "Mixer." Sounds good. Bethany gave a banquet to all the Lutheran young folks of the city.

CHEHALIS—St. John's held weekly Lenten services.

PORTLAND—St. James gave a farewell to President Salzmann.

VANCOUVER—St. Paul's gave two successful plays. The Dallas, Zion, reports increased attendance at devotionals.

CONNECTICUT

The Mesenger is issued by President Schuelke. Topic teams are doing valient service proving that the average League can run a devotional. Ten students for the ministry, all of them at Wagner, show interest of this New England State in life service.

Hartford, Trinity.—Invited two New Britain societies on January 28. Everyone enjoyed the spiritual and social program very much. The pageant, "Where West Meets East," will be presented.

Meriden, Immanuel.—Our boys and girls bowling teams have won from Southington, Waterbury and Terryville just recently. Wonderful progress is being made in our work.

Norwich, First German Lutheran.—A report from this League showed twenty subscriptions to the REVIEW since April, 1925, about one in every home. An example which is hard to beat.

Seymour, Immanuel Lutheran.—Topics team visited League January 19. The fine program ended with luncheon and the singing of pep songs. A Junior League has been organized under the leadership of Miss Pauline Canfield with a membership of about fifty-three boys and girls. Congratulations and prayers for their success.

Southington, Evangelical Lutheran.—Topics team visited on January 12 and an enjoyable evening followed. Plans for an over-subscription on A. C. C. A. B. to be sent in this month are under way.

INDIANA

"Ind-Ky-Tenn" is not the name of a breakfast food, nor is it a mystic word from the East. It is the Indiana Synod Monthly, a page of which is edited for the Luther League by President John S. Albert. Congratulations on its splendid appearance and worth while contents. The editor-in-chief is Rev. J. B. Gardner, friend of the General Secretary since college days.

Twenty-three active Leagues were reported last June. New Leagues are reported at St. Mark's, and Christ's Evansville, Ebenezer, Indianapolis, and Salem, New Agusta. We are told "Watch us grow." We are watching!

MARYLAND

The *News Letter* of the District of Columbia, edited by Fred Schickler, is a regular and welcome visitor.

The district life service rally was a big success. Rev. Blackwelder and Miss Linsenmeyer of Christ's, Baltimore, were the speakers. In June the quarterly meeting will be given over to missions with Clarence Dittmer in attendance. In April the General Secretary was guest of honor at a joint-fellowship meeting with the Baltimorians. Nobody asleep in this district.

President Brindle is chairman of the Joint Young People's Committee of Washington. Congratulations.

MINNESOTA

The editorial staff of the Minnesota *Extender* is Ruth Johnson, Arthur Larsen and Archie Narum. The only thing blue about the *Extender* is the paper!

The visit of Mrs. Strock to Minnesota is noted with great appreciation. The Twin City Convention was "the best we ever had." "Never before have we witnessed our young people so enthusiastic and so filled with the Luther League spirit—the spirit of doing things."

The new officers are, Harold Peterson, president; William Schmidt, vice-president; Esther Anderson, recording secretary; Minnie Peterson, corresponding secretary, and Dr. Russell Carlson, treasurer. We didn't know there was another "Min."

New Leagues are reported at Walters and Cannon Falls. St. Paul—Faith boasts "We always have a good time at our meetings. Come and see for yourself." Wish we could. Winona League cared for tuning the church organ and also surprised the pastor's family at the parsonage recently.

Holy Trinity, Superior.—We started devotional services with supper at 5:30 at the church on January 31 and we started with a bang. About fifty people attended the meeting. The topic was on "Temptation," and we had a very lively discussion.

Trinity, Lindstrom.—We have paid our $50 pledge for Andhra Christian College.

Holy Trinity, Minneapolis.—We have pledged $100 for Andhra and are hoping to have it paid before February 28 when Dr. Strock will be at our League. Our Leaguers pledged $60 at one of our devotional meetings by individual pledges.

Salem, Minneapolis.—Our League has sent in $50.50 for Andhra, but we expect to get more as we have not collected our A. C. C. envelopes as yet. On January 31 we presented the Andhra Pageant, and we were pleased with the results. Our Luther League Orchestra furnished music for the Fathers' and Sons' Banquet held at our church.

St. John's Washburn Park League—That is our new name. We have just reorganized and have sixty-five members.

NEBRASKA

Reported by Paul Weigman.

The Nebraska Luther League Hospice, situated as we know at Omaha, has been the League-al talk in all conversations among the Luther Leaguers. And why should it not be? Is it not something to be proud of? It's the best in the West!

The 1926 Luther League of Nebraska convention is to be held in North Platte, Neb., opening on Sunday, August 29, and closing Tuesday evening, August 31. These are going to be golden days for all who attend, we can assure you! Our motto is: North Platte or bust! The only thing that will "bust" is a laugh, and we will furnish that, too!

On April 8 a film, portraying the life and times of Martin Luther, will be shown in Omaha at the Auditorium. This should be of interest to all Lutherans everywhere.

The Juniors of Benson League have made scrap books for the children at Tabitha Home, in Lincoln. The annual banquet of the Fontanelle League was held on January 1, "Lessons from the Forest" being the main theme. The district League of Omaha plan an exchange of leaders during Lent. Creston League held their annual meeting and election, the officers being installed on January 14. Hastings League presented the play, "What Luther Did for Christmas," on New Year's Eve. A purse of $12 was presented by the Frieden's League of Lincoln to their pastor, Rev. Kuehne. The annual election was also held on January 3. Kountze Memorial netted $56 on a play which they presented to the public on February 9. The money is to be used for furnishing a room in the hospice.

NEW JERSEY

President Fritts sends out "The Mosquito" with its slogan "It sings about its work." From bitter experience we have learned that N. J. Mosquito has a certain stubborn way of getting results.

Oldwick held a rousing life service day program. Weehawken—Good Shepherd is placing a memorial window in the church. This League also maintains a room in an old ladies' home. Hudson District met at Holy Trinity, Hudson Heights, in a successful session. Asbury Park reports $50 for Andhra. Summit is raising $750 for their church fund. They meet all their quotas in addition. Hasbrook Heights carried a crate of oranges and one dozen blankets to a home for blind children on a recent visit.

NEW YORK

MAMARONECK—St. John's modestly says, "It is a model Luther League." That is the spirit. It contributed $500 to the church building fund and $25 to Wagner College.

Genesee Valley District promised a great spring convention at St. Paul's, Rochester. Emmanuel, Rochester, recently had as its guest Rev. William Freas, of the Inner Mission Board.

"(The GVDLL" is the district "gossip-sheet."

A Luther League special will take the Leaguers of Greater New York to the State convention at Niagara Falls over Decoration Day. On the trip service will be attended Sunday morning at the Cornell University Lutheran Church, Rev. Horn, pastor. What those timid, self-effacing N'orkers say about that convention is a-plenty!

OHIO

The Eastern District met with Rev. George T. Heintz at Kent for the winter convention. At the evening session Rev. J. H. L. Trout spoke on "Master of Dreams."

Convoy League held a special Sunday evening service with musical numbers, solos, quartets, etc., and gave the pageant "The Reply of Youth" and a tableaux "Home, Sweet Home."

Findlay, First, League has formed a Lakeside Club with the idea of having a full representation of delegates at the State Convention and getting as many other to go if possible. They are hoping on having enough to go to rent an entire cottage. Plans have already been made for a musical concert and a lecture on "The Jungles of Africa" to help finance it.

At a recent meeting they presented the topic "What Does the Luther League Mean to Me." The leader invited the three Luther League presidents of our city in to sell the Luther League believing if the Luther League is a good article it should be sold to those who have not yet purchased and encouraging those who have already purchased membership in it to sell it to others. Each president had a different selling talk. Namely: What has the Luther League done for the Church? What has the Luther League done for each member? What can the Leaguers do to establish Leagues where there are none?

Then as all were seated in a circle a testimony meeting was held and going around the circle each Leaguer told what the League had done for them.

Then the Junior League came in as a special surprise one at a time bearing the letters L U T H E R - L E A G U E while the leader told of what the Luther League meant to him using each letter and the Junior League then sang the Junior Rally Song.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Prince Rupert, B. C.—St. Paul's Luther League is now about eighteen months old. A few months ago a Junior League was organized which took several of the younger members of their League and the membership is now twelve. The Junior and Senior Leagues have jointly purchased a picture machine and are prepared to give lectures on the life of Christ and scenes from the Holy Land.

St. Paul's Seattle.—St. Paul's Seattle, put on a Christmas play entitled "The Wanderer" and made over $30 at their table at the Ladies' Missionary Bazaar for the church. They report a total of twenty-nine members at their last devotional meeting. The League has three representatives on their church council.

St. John's, Tacoma.—The church council of St. John's Church in Tacoma was the host to the Luther League and prospective League members at a banquet in the church parlors. Watch Tacoma grow, but don't let them get too far ahead of you!

Emmanuel, Centralia.—Definite plans for the year have been arranged and they have pledged themselves to put forth every effort to carry them out. Regular attendance is one pledge. They have organized a choir which will supply music in the church services. The purchasing of a piano for the church is one of the main objects toward which the League is working.

Holy Trinity, Seattle.—With new officers and lots of pep, for 1926 we are all set!

These notes come from Station PNW—*The Broadcaster.*

PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG—Bethlehem puts out a little weekly of its own printed and edited in fine style by Mr. Kurtzenknabe. They are interested in an interesting scheme for collecting for their church. Oranges are given away to friends who must pay one cent for each seed in the orange. No, they are not using navel oranges. Stunt night for the district was scheduled for April.

Marvin Eckhardt is "guilty" of the monthly broadcast of the Philadelphia district. He reports more Luther Leaguers out at the Germantown Interdenominational Young Folks Rally than from any other organization. Paul Tritschler, president of the Philadelphia district, presided.

The spring convention will be at Muhlenberg Church, May 22. Incarnation and Nativity were having a close race in the Basket Ball League the latter part of March. New Intermediates were reported at Great Falls and Wyndmoor.

HARRISBURG, MESSIAH—A new League organized. Welcome! Bethlehem League conducted the 6:30 a. m. Easter Sunrise Service for the congregation. Splendid!

We were recently told that the Luther League of Holy Trinity, Scranton, Pa., has started to raise a fund each year for the assistance of young men who go to college with the ministry in view, we understand. The fund is $500 a year. The pastor's son, we were told, was the first one to receive the benefit of the fund.

He who runs may READ!

READING—ARE YOU GOING?

The 1926 convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, to be held in Reading, July 13, 14 and 15, is destined to far surpass the inspiring and well-prepared conventions that we have had the past several years.

SO. CALIFORNIA

The Washington's Birthday Convention was largely attended. Enthusiasm ran high over the fact that this district had won first place in the race to pay a full quota for Andhra. It was held at Trinity, Long Beach. Gardena came with a newly organized League. Dr. G. Bayard Young gave the main address.

"Several vocal selections were splendidly rendered, and the meeting closed with a most entertaining social hour, admirably planned by our hosts. We parted with a worn out paper sack on our right hands, and the good cheer of an evening profitably and pleasantly spent in our hearts."

WISCONSIN

RACINE—Kenosha District met at Holy Communion, Racine, Sunday, February 14. This is the first district organized in the State and is certainly alive. Over 50 per cent. of the district quota of $200 was reported raised. They have challenged to raise this amount if Milwaukee district will raise $500. Of course the challenge was accepted and the two districts will raise the full State quota leaving the gifts of the rest of the State for oversubscription. Plans are laid for a district 100 per cent. attendance at the State convention at the Church of the Resurrection, Milwaukee. The next session is planned for May at Immanuel, Racine. Officers elected are, Walter A. Leinninger, president; George Overdier, vice-president; Dorothy Stauss, recording secretary; Carl Christensen, treasurer; Chester Jorgensen, corresponding secretary.

VIRGINIA

Churchville, Pleasant View.—Pleasant View Luther League was not organized until in the spring of 1925, but is a growing and wide awake League. Just recently it made a payment on a new piano for the Sunday School and is in hopes of doing more local work in the near future. Nearly all the young people of the Sunday School are members of the Lague and the attendance so far has been good.

Lexington, Bethany.—Bethany Luther League has put the REVIEW in every home of the League. The annual business meeting was held December 31 to make plans for the year. The League is planning to give the Lutheran students at Washington and Lee University a Valentine Party.

CONVENTION DATES SO FAR.

Iowa, May 4-7, Des Moines.
Illinois, May 7-9, Elgin.
New York, May 30-June 1, Niagara Falls.
Nova Scotia, June 3, Mahone Bay.
Minnesota, June 20-22, Minneapolis.
Indiana, June 23-25, Muncie.
Michigan, July 13-18, Lake Wawasee, Ind.
Maryland, July 20-21, Smithburg.
Pennsylvania, July 13-15, Reading.
Ohio, July 26-31, Lakeside.
Kansas, August 23-28, Lutheran Camp.
Virginia, August 25-28, Bluefield, W. Va.
Nebraska, August 29-31, North Platte.
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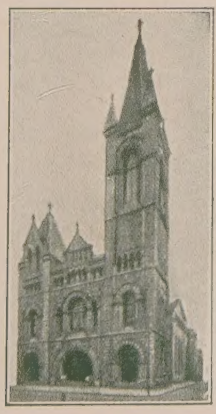

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